

Minutes of ECSU Open Meeting

Held on 17 October 2010 at 5pm

Queen's Building Lecture Theatre



In attendance: The ECSU Exec, members of college.

1. **Announcements from the Exec**

Alison explained that she had recently attended a forum on the Browne Review into Higher Education funding. She reported that a student demonstration will take place on 10 November, and that students who are interested should sign up in the pigeon hole room.

2. **Ordinary Motions:**

a) **To clarify and improve the role of Academic Affairs Officer**

Proposed by: Richard Chew (Academic Affairs Officer)

Seconded by: Charlotte McClean (Secretary)

Richard expressed his support for the amendment (as detailed in the proposal available online and in hard copy from the Exec). He emphasised the need for the Academic Affairs Officer to work closely with the Welfare Officers, particularly in Easter Term. It was also felt that the title 'Education Officer' was more appropriate.

The motion was put to a vote:

In favour: 47

In opposition: 0

Abstentions: 0

The motion was passed.

b) **To clarify and improve the role of Ents Officer**

Proposed by: Henry Ogden (Ents Officer)

Seconded by: Charlotte McClean (Secretary)

Henry expressed his support for the amendment, emphasising that the result would be more varied Ents for Emmanuel students.

The motion was put to a vote:

In favour: 46

In opposition: 0

Abstentions: 1

The motion was passed.

c) To merge the positions of Vice President and External Officer

Proposed by: Alison Underwood (External Officer and acting Vice President)

Seconded by: Charlotte McClean (Secretary)

Alison expressed her support for the amendment. She commented that, as she has been fulfilling both roles this term, she does not feel that the combined role would be too much work for any one student. She also feels that it would make the President's job easier.

The motion was put to a vote:

In favour: 47

In opposition: 0

Abstentions: 0

3. Questions to the Exec

Joe Bristow asked whether it was constitutional that Vidur, as elected Vice President, had taken over as acting President on the departure of Luke Montague, without a by-election being held. He also pointed out that, should an Exec member miss three consecutive meetings, they should be removed from their position and a by-election held.

In response, Vidur explained that the circumstances were unusual, as Luke is currently in Russia as part of his degree. Luke has apologised for his absence from Exec meetings, and as such it is not necessary to remove him from the role. Furthermore, the Exec can decide when to enforce this rule. Due to the nature of the circumstances, it was agreed that Vidur would take the role of Acting President until the elections later this term.

Patrick Gough asked for some clarification on the soon-to-be-formed Ents Committee. Henry explained how the committee will work, and assured Patrick that information about applications would become available in due course.