

Constitutional Motions with amendments discussed at the TGM 08/11/16

1. Sexual consent workshops.

Clarification on the definition of compulsory given after the TGM by TW.

Proposer: Tim Westwood

Secunder: Nicole Ng

This MCR notes: That sexual assault is a widespread problem on University campuses throughout the world.

This MCR believes: That sexual assault should not be tolerated in any form in any situation. In particular this behaviour is not acceptable in Oxford and at Queen's and instead the MCR should do everything possible to create a supportive, caring and friendly atmosphere.

This MCR resolves: To continue with the success of the sexual consent workshops that ran this year by making sure they run in future years. This will be achieved by making it a specific responsibility of the Women's Rep in the constitution. In particular part V section 14 (h) would read:

“14. Women's Officer shall:

...

h. run sexual consent workshops based on the guidance given by OUSU for all incoming graduates during the 0th-1st week activities. [Attendance is compulsory in order to attend future MCR events in the year.](#)”

2. Disabled Students' Officer.

Proposer: Tim Westwood

Secunder: Andre Hector

This MCR notes: That many decisions are being made at a College level with regard to College provision for disabled students. This includes access to graduate accommodation as well as access to rooms in the main college site.

This MCR believes: That the students should be consulted and involved within the decision making procedures. That the committee member responsible for maintaining this communication with college does not need to identify as disabled. Moreover, it is beneficial to the running of the MCR to have a committee member who is responsible for advising on policies affecting students with disabilities.

This MCR resolves: To remove the following line in the constitution (part V) in order to allow applications from suitable candidates:

- “15. Disabled Students’ Officer shall:
a. self-define as disabled.”

3. **MCR Members Living Abroad.**

Extra clarification given 5/11/16 by TW.

Amendment accepted at the TGM by TW.

Proposer: Tim Westwood

Secunder: Sarah Goulesbrough

This MCR notes: That the MCR membership body is a large and diverse group of students many of whom take advantage of opportunities to live and work outside of Oxford as well as abroad during their studies. Graduate study in Oxford and elsewhere, can be a very expensive endeavour.

This MCR believes: That the MCR community should be focused around social activities and academic study and not about paid membership. The MCR should do everything it can to minimise the expense to students.

This MCR resolves: To not charge the termly subscription fee (of currently £9) to any MCR member who is away from Oxford for the whole term (weeks 0-9) without any repercussions regarding membership. A request for this should be made to the president and/or the treasurer of the MCR with suitable evidence supplied that the MCR member will not make use of any MCR facilities/benefits or subsidies (i.e. they will be in a different country for the duration of the term). The decision to offer a subscription fee waiver will need to be agreed by the College office and/or the Tutor for Graduates. A request for a fee waiver must be received by the President and Treasurer prior to -1 week of the term.

Part III 1 (c) of the constitution would then read:

“If a MCR member is studying outside of Oxford at another institution they may notify the President and/or Treasurer to request a subscription fee waiver for that term providing, if required, evidence that they are studying/working abroad for the entire term (weeks 0-9). A fee waiver would need to be agreed by the College office and/or the Tutor for Graduates. Requests for the subscription fee waiver would need to be submitted to the President and/or Treasurer prior to the Monday of -1st week.”