



The Charter for Change

General Aims:

1. Wide-ranging reform to all areas of the University's Education System.
2. Proposal of effective and irrefutable solutions to the problems with the current Education System.
3. Work to eliminate underperformance of specific groups of students.
4. Brining Educational Reform to the top of the university's agenda.

Timescale:

Charter to be submitted in 3 parts over the next 3 years. Final part to coincide with 800th Celebrations. Each part more radical than the last. Suggest submission at the start of Michaelmas. Drafting throughout Easter. Write up in long-vacation.

Proposed Topics:

Supervisions:

Training; feedback; complaint procedures; official guidelines for supervisors/supervisees.

Exams:

Timetabling; class-lists; feedback; appeals; reform of exam boards.

Lectures:

Accessibility; training; feedback.

Libraries:

Accessibility; university-wide co-ordination; charges; borrowing rights.

University, Faculty and Departmental Boards and Committees:

Representation; reserved business; openness.

Clerking CUSU Meetings- For Discussion

The Problems: Length of Council Meetings; length of Council minutes; problems of neutrality; general hostility to secretary from members of the Council.

Some solutions:

1. Do nothing and hope that someone will volunteer and a replacement Executive Secretary can be found.
2. Look at CUSU Staff Contracts to see if one of them could minute in the evening in exchange for some time off work. Also consider if meetings could be moved earlier in the day in order to facilitate this.
3. Make Executive Secretary a paid post. Around £100 (£20 a meeting) per term might find a volunteer without overly squeezing the budget.
4. Rethink style of minuting. Only record announcements and questions in full and just list names of those who speak for and against a motion during a debate. Borrow laptop so the minutes do not have to be transcribed. Set up a rota of Sabbaticals (half a term each) or full Executive (about one meeting each per year) to minute with CUSU Chair putting the resulting minutes into a standard CUSU style.
5. A combination of the above.