

The Wadham Middle Common Room Executive (MCR) recognises:

That the MCR Executive has the discretion recognised in Article 8.1.1. of its Constitution to decide on general points of policy.

That Article 4.1. of the same Constitution establishes one of the four aims of the MCR, one of those being Representation of the members of the community *at College, University, national and international levels.*

That the current version of the MCR Constitution—as of May 15th 2024— does not have a procedure in order to formally pass motions.

That the Wadham Student Union (SU) has held, during Week 3 of Trinity Term 2024, two Emergency Meetings in order to discuss a motion of support for the demands of ‘Oxford Action for Palestine’.

That all full members of the Wadham MCR are full members of the Wadham SU and some associate members of Wadham MCR are associate members of Wadham SU.

That in order to comply with aim 4.1.3. of the MCR (Representation), the Wadham MCR needed to satisfy the demands of its members and establish a method to pass a motion in the MCR.

That it is well within the discretion of the Executive to decide on a formal *ad hoc* procedure in order to pass such a motion in the MCR.

The Wadham Middle Common Room decides:

That it will be bound by the following rules of procedure during the process of the passing of the Motion to support the demands of ‘Oxford Action for Palestine’, and any other closely related Motions that may be presented before the Executive, during Trinity Term 2024.

1. In order to discuss the motion and give time for the members of the MCR to deliberate and decide on their own opinions, at least one (1) meeting shall be held, open to all full and associate members of the MCR where the different views will be debated and formal amendments to the drafting discussed.
2. That any such meetings will be chaired by the SU Chair or the MCR President and an officer of the SU or the MCR shall take minutes.
3. That the minutes of the meeting will be revised and approved by the SU Executive and the MCR Executive.
4. That minutes will be circulated amongst full and associate members of the MCR via email.
5. That the voting of the motion itself will occur online according to the following rules of procedure:
 - a. When minutes are being shared through email, there will be an online vote, open to all full and associate members.

- b. In order for the vote to be binding, according to Article 6.4.2. of the MCR Constitution, *Minimum Turnout for an election to be held valid shall be the lesser of 30 full members, or 20% of the total members of the MCR (rounded according to standard mathematical practices).*
 - c. The vote will be anonymous.
 - d. Voters will be required to have attended the deliberation meeting(s) or have read the minutes of the meeting(s).
 - e. The voting platform shall be open for 1 full natural week.
 - f. In order for the motion to pass, the rules of simple majority will be observed.
 - i. Voters will have the following options:
 - 1. In favour
 - 2. Against
 - 3. Abstain
 - ii. If there are more votes 'In favour' than 'Against', the motion will pass. If there are more votes 'Against' than 'In favour', the motion shall fail.
 - iii. If there is an equal number of votes 'In favour' and 'Against', the motion shall fail.
6. In relation to the vote of the Motion in Support of the Encampment set up by Oxford Action for Palestine, rule 5.e of this document will be substituted by this agreement: Voting shall open on May 17th at 12pm and remain open until May 19th at 12pm (48 hours). However, should the quorum not be reached in that time, the voting will be open for an additional 5 natural days.

This document was discussed and amended, and it was passed in a General MCR Committee Meeting on May 16th 2024.