



Graduate Union Council Meeting
Tuesday 20 January 2015

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Graduate Union Council, held on Tuesday 20 January 2015 in the Graduate Union Lounge, 17 Mill Lane at 7:00PM.

ATTENDEES

E. van Gijn (GU president), M. Grosvenor (GU Secretary), C. Schwall (Da), A. Di Bernardo (Se), S. Engelke(Ch), E. Ward (Em), S. Bouadum (Gi), A. Valreau (Do), J. Poon (Ch), R. Al Ismaili (CH), H Dadswell (CC), F Kiskin (StC), G. Farle (Cl), P. Jacob (Pe), J. Beitner (Je), B. Chen (Wo), R. Proust (Ma)

Matthew Grosvenor, GU Secretary

Items carried over from meeting at 25/11/14 - In accordance with the GU Constitution Schedule C, Clause 8 - The items on the agenda from 25/11/15 could not be discussed because the meeting was not quorate (only 13 voting members were present). The GU Executive Committee voted to adjourn the meeting until Tuesday 20 January. Quorum for this part of the meeting shall be 15 or the number of voting members present half an hour after the scheduled start.

- 1) Approval of the minutes of the previous Council Meeting (28 November 2014)
 - 1) minutes approved
- 2) Matters arising from the minutes of the previous Council meeting.
 - 1) None
- 3) ~~Reports to Council from Sabbatical Officers: - Withdrawn as no longer relevant~~
 - ~~President's Update~~
 - ~~Affiliation Fees~~
 - ~~New executive~~
 - ~~Other updates~~
 - ~~Welfare and Right's Update - Withdrawn as no longer relevant~~
- 4) ~~Council discussion and questions to Council:~~
 - ~~Proposal to promote the Welfare and Rights officer role to a full-time position (from half-time).~~
- 5) Elections to be held at Council:

- Proposal to elect Sara Trainor as GU Council Chair.

GU Constitution, Schedule C, Clause 9

"Meetings of the Student Council shall be chaired by a Member of the Union who is recommended by the Executive Committee and elected as chair by a majority of those present and eligible to vote at the first Student Council meeting of the Michaelmas term"

ELV: We would like to propose Sara Trainor as the Chair of the GU. (MG notes: Sara served as acting chair last meeting. However the meeting was not quorate so an election could not be held). ELV invited Sara to tell council about herself.

ST is an MPhil student at Clare Hall. She previously studied law and practiced as a lawyer.

ELV: Calls for the council to vote:

For 15

Against 0

Abstain 0

The vote passes. Sara Trainor is duly elected as Chair of the GU Council

- 5) Any other business (specifically relating to the adjourned meeting of 25/11/14.)

- 6) ~~Next GU Council meeting date:~~

Items for meeting of 20/01/15 - These items are not subject the conditions above. Quorum will therefore be 15 as per GU Constitution Schedule C, Clause 8

- 1) ~~Approval of the minutes of the previous Council Meeting (20 January 2015)- Not Applicable~~

- 2) ~~Matters arising from the minutes of the previous Council meeting Not Applicable~~

- 3) Council discussion and questions to Council

- 1) Jack Wright - Asked council if they would like to see a copy of the election rules. Council declined.

- 2) Evianne van Gijn - Election timetable proposal and request for approval by council.

- 1) ELV: Circulated a proposed elections timetable. Asked for the council's approval on Section 2.2 "Chronology Election Sabbatical Officers".

Votes for 15

Votes against: 0

Votes in abstention: 0

The elections timetable is approved.

- 2) ELV: Asked for two nominations for the GU elections committee.

- 1) Harry Dadswell hjd33

2) Simon Engelke se357

The council approved these nominations.

Votes for: 15

Votes against: 0

Votes in abstention: 0

The elections committee nominations are approved.

4) Any other business

1) **Q:** Can we put together a summary of total living costs for graduate students?

ELV sits on Accommodation Syndicate committee which have access to this sort of information. Will look into it.

5) Next GU Council meeting date: TBD.