

Minutes of meeting of 30 June 2015

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm, members present constituted quorum.
Emergency motion made prior to meeting commenced and added to agenda.

Secretary and President absent

Agenda item 1

No objections

Agenda item 2

No matters were raised for discussion

Agenda item 3

President's report given by Jack Wright, summary of the written report provided in the Agenda of 9 June 2015 .

Question about charity status of the GU, members are still unsure whether all of the relevant documents have been provided. Suggestion that the obligation to ensure the GU continues to be a charity should be made a provision in the constitution. Potential motion to be brought in the future.

Question: what measures have been made to prevent the loss of charitable status in the future?

Member highlighted that the GU manager aims to prevent there being any "gaps" when there are handovers, therefore limiting the potential for loss of charitable status in the future. Confusion remains as to whether all documents have been submitted and the charitable status of the GU is up to date.

Welfare Officer's report given by Jack Wright, summary of the written report provided in the Agenda of 9 June 2015.

Agenda item 4

No discussion

Agenda item 5

Member who brought motion not present.

Members present decide to vote on the motion rather than making a procedural motion.
Members discussed motion – issues with who is to constitute the review committee, question as to whether the motion is necessary, as issues it raises have already been addressed, member highlighted that there are already independent people who deal with appeals.

Members voted, motion was *not passed*.

Emergency motion

Written emergency motion was provided to all present members and motion explained by proposer. Discussion as to whether survey instead of non-binding referendum would be better to gauge student interests.

Members voted, emergency motion *passed*.

Agenda item 6

Other business: what the result of the online petition was – members present were unable to assist with this question. Issue with vexatious claims being made and concern with time and resources being taken away from student welfare, and the fact that such claims should not have a place in meetings any more. Member outlined that there was to be a new election rule – where there is a series of complaints that amount to a vexatious claim, then this will be a “sanctionable offence”, with all appeals to be made to the junior proctor.

Member raised the following methods of communication:

1. For council to e-mail amongst themselves, they can e-mail:

council@gradunion.cam.ac.uk

2. To contact the council chair: council.chair@gradunion.cam.ac.uk

3. If any membership of the council changes, they should e-mail postmaster@gradunion.cam.ac.uk and/or secretary@gradunion.cam.ac.uk to ensure the mailing list is adjusted correctly.

4. If anyone wants to e-mail the trustees, they should in the first instance, contact the GU Secretary (secretary@gradunion.cam.ac.uk).