



Graduate Union

Agenda of a Meeting of the Student Council

To be held at 7pm on 5 December 2016, in the CUSU/GU Lounge at 17 Mill Lane

1. Approval of the minutes of the previous Council meeting

The unconfirmed minutes of the last Council meeting, held on 22 September 2016, are circulated for approval.

2. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous Council meeting

- a) **Update on affiliation fees**

3. Reports to Council from Sabbatical Officers and Officers of the Executive Committee

- a) **President's report**
- b) **Welfare & Rights Officer's report**
- c) **Vice-President-elect's report**
 - i) The Christmas Vacation Activity Guide

4. Motions to be ratified

There are none.

5. Council discussions and questions to Council

Topics for discussion and questions will be invited from Council attendees.

6. Ordinary motions

(a) Zero Carbon

A paper [C.161205.A] with proposals for divestment is circulated.

The following motion will be put to the Council:

Resolved:

- 1. That the GU support a policy of divestment of the University's investments, both direct and indirect, from companies whose business is wholly or substantially concerned with the extraction of fossil fuels.*
- 2. That the GU support attempts by members of the University to bring a policy of divestment from fossil fuels to a vote at Regent House.*

Submitted by Chris Galpin, Cambridge Zero Carbon.

The following notes were also submitted with the motion:

Last year, CUSU passed a motion supporting divestment with a vote of 33-1. Divestment is widely supported by students, with a petition run last year by Zero Carbon society reaching over 2,300 signatures.

<https://campaigns.gofossilfree.org/petitions/cambridge-university-divest-from-fossil-fuels-1>

Divestment was recently discussed by Regent House (the governing body of the University), and signatures are currently being collected in order to submit a "grace" - i.e. a vote. This vote is expected to take place during next term. Note that by the time this motion is considered, you should be able to read the transcript of the Regent House discussion in the Reporter (<http://www.reporter.admin.cam.ac.uk/>).

If you'd like to find out more about divestment, you can;

- Read the full Zero Carbon society report making the case for divestment <https://files.acrobat.com/a/preview/d12c50dc-bc2e-4b71-a8cf-819cb395a764>*
- Read a (very) abridged version of the report, submitted as a supporting document to this motion.*
- Contact Zero Carbon Society either by emailing Chris (cmg60@cam.ac.uk), messaging our facebook page, or using our website (<http://zerocarbonsoc.soc.srcf.net/>).*

(b) Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF2)

A paper [C.161205.B] summarising TEF2 is circulated.

The following motion will be put to the Council:

Resolved:

- 1. That the Graduate Union [support/oppose] the University's participation in TEF2.*

2. That the Graduate Union review whether to support or oppose the University's participation in future TEF assessment exercises as appropriate.

Submitted by the President

7. Emergency motions

The Council will consider any emergency motions submitted between the circulation of the Agenda and the start of the meeting.

8. Elections by Council

The Council will be asked to appoint its chair for the remainder of 2016-17.

9. Dates of upcoming meetings

Lent Term:

Monday 30 January 2017

Monday 20 March 2017

Easter Term:

Monday 8 May 2017

Monday 12 June 2017

Long Vacation:

Monday 10 July 2017

Monday 4 September 2017

Michaelmas Term:

Monday 16 October 2017

Monday 4 December 2017

All at 7pm in the GU Lounge.

10. Any other business