Agenda of a Meeting of the Graduate Union Council
To be held at 7pm on Monday 7 May, in the GU Lounge at 17 Mill Lane

Note emergency motions will be accepted up to the point the meeting is called to order by emailing vice-president@gradunion.cam.ac.uk

1. Approval of the minutes of the previous Council meeting

The unconfirmed minutes of the last Council meeting, held on March 2018, are circulated for approval.

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

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

   A. President’s report
   B. Vice-President’s report
   C. Welfare and Rights’ report

4. Council discussions and questions to Council

   • Appointment of External, Alumni and Student Trustees (update)
   • Improving the Responses of Cambridge University and its Colleges to Student Reports of Misconduct of an Intimate Nature (MIN)

5. Ordinary motions

   1. Liberation Officers and the Graduate Union

      Resolves to:
      Motion to amend the by-laws to introduce Black and Minority Ethnic and Disabled Officers, as well as a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer + Officer on to the Executive Committee

      Submitted by Bridget Shaffrey, GU Women’s Officer
2. Graduate Student Workers

Resolves to:

Work with the Cambridge UCU to uncover exploitative employment of graduate students and challenge the university to end bad practices where they exist.

Promote the representation of Cambridge UCU as a voice for students as workers and work with them to highlight these concerns at University committees (University Council or any syndicates) and college committees at which the GU is present.

Work with the Cambridge UCU to improve graduate employment through promoting the representation of UCU unionisation in departments and colleges, for example by promoting the creation of a UCU representative on each MCR committee to help grads negotiate their role as workers during their studies.

Submitted by Rox Middleton (Chemistry/ St John’s)- also UCU Grad Rep

6. Council Business

A. Presentation of Annual Accounts (to be accepted)
B. Final Draft Budget (2018-19)
C. President’s Contract (to be accepted)
D. External Affiliations
   • Living wage campaign
   • UKCISA
E. MT elections 2018 Returning Officer report (to be accepted)

7. Emergency motions

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

8. Dates of upcoming meetings

Easter Term
11 Jun 2018

Long vacation:
9 July 2018
3 Sep 2018

All at 7pm in the GU Lounge

9. Any other business

Training sessions run during the Easter term 2018