



Graduate Union Agenda of a Meeting of the Student Council

To be held at 7pm on Monday 12 June 2017, 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 08 May 2017, 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) Presidential By-election

4. Motions to be ratified

There are none.

5. Council discussions and questions to Council

a) Audited accounts 2015-16 (C.170612.A)

b) Undergraduates within MCRs (C.170612.B)

6. Ordinary motions

a) Advice Service caseworkers

Whereas:

- *The Advice Service provided by the Graduate Union and CUSU formally comprises, at present, two professional caseworkers and four sabbatical officer caseworkers (of*

which three are CUSU officers, one is the CUSU-GU Welfare & Rights Officer, only one of whom has ever been a postgraduate student);

- *Postgraduate students are more likely than undergraduate students to make use of the Advice Service, representing c.45% of the student body but c.50% of the service users;*
- *CUSU have expressed to the Graduate Union their intention to transition towards only having professional, specialist caseworkers, under a service which remains primarily directed by sabbatical officers including the GU Vice-President, and the Graduate Union Board of Trustees have accepted this proposal;*
- *The Graduate Union Board of Trustees have offered to provide the additional funds required to employ a third professional advisor for the first half of the incoming Welfare & Rights Officer's term of office to ensure a continuity of service capacity as sabbatical officer advisors withdraw; and*
- *The University-provided trial funding for the Vice-President will run out at the end of Michaelmas 2018;*

Resolved:

- *That the Council support the Board of Trustee's decision to accept the transition towards an Advice Service with only professional caseworkers, and therefore not to require the incoming Welfare & Rights Officer to undertake student casework through the Advice Service; and*
- *That the incoming President should, in collaboration with CUSU, review the portfolios held by GU Officers in the context of a Advice Service with no sabbatical officer caseworkers and a potential reduction in total officer funding, and report back to the Council in Michaelmas Term 2017.*

Submitted by the President

c) Policy review

Whereas:

- *The Constitution requires the Council to conduct a rolling review of Policy, such that all Policy is reviewed prior to the fourth anniversary of the date on which it was adopted;*
- *All Policy adopted before the start of the 2013-14 academic year has already been renewed or revoked, and the minutes of all Council meetings since then are publicly available on the Graduate Union's website; and*
- *The Vice-President, as Chair of the Executive Committee, has reviewed the minutes of all Council meetings held during the 2013-14 academic year and found no Policy which remains useful;*

Resolved:

- *That all Policy adopted prior to the start of the 2014-15 academic year be revoked.*

Submitted by the Vice-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

There are none.

9. Dates of upcoming meetings

Long vacation:

Monday 10 July 2017

Monday 4 September 2017

Michaelmas Term:

Monday 16 October

Monday 4 December 2017

All at 7pm in the GU Lounge

10. Any other business