Motion to Co-Opt the President Emeritus on to the Executive Committee

Whereas:

1. The Graduate Union has historically struggled with institutional continuity, but has recently enjoyed a period of stability;

2. Due to staff turnover there will soon be no union employees who were employed before November 2016;

3. The terms of office of every current and designate trustee of the union are due to come to an end during or after the 2017-18 academic year;

4. Chad Allen served as GU President from December 2015 to July 2017, and is currently living in Cambridge as a Graduate Member of the union; and

5. Proposed amendments to the GU Constitution to alter the status of postdoctoral researchers following consultation with the Postdocs of Cambridge Society, to account for recent amendments to the University's Code of Practice under the Education Act 1994, and to correct a number of errors and inconsistencies, are in preparation but have not yet been finalised;

Resolved:

1. That, under Sch B Para 5 of the Constitution, [see footnote], Chad Allen be co-opted onto the Executive Committee with immediate effect for a period of 1 calendar year;

2. That, during the period of his co-option, he be given the portfolio of “Consultant to the Executive Committee” with special responsibility for institutional continuity and constitutional reform; and

3. That the President be authorised to terminate this co-option early at any time and for any reason; and

4. That, in future, former Sabbatical Officers who remain members of the union should also normally be co-opted to the Executive Committee.
Footnote: “The Executive Committee may from time to time co-opt members to organise campaigns, promote particular issues or represent groups of members […] Co-opted members will not be eligible to vote, and will hold office for no longer than one calendar year.”