The C E C is asked to:

i) **discuss** the proposed criteria for extended membership of the Association.

1. Conference 2014 approved a motion to amend the Constitution to allow for extended membership of the Association for students who had completed their qualification.

   12.3 any student who has achieved their registered qualification and applied for and been granted extended membership to cover a gap in registered student status not exceeding twenty-four months

2. However, no guidance was provided as to how this was to be implemented other than by application to the Office.

3. I am proposing the following criteria for application:

   a) Applications for extended membership should be sent to the Association Office at **ousa@open.ac.uk**.

   b) Applications should include the following: Name, Postal Address, Contact Number, Date qualification awarded.

   c) Extended membership must be applied for in the academic year immediately following completion of the qualification.

   d) Regardless of when the application is made and extended membership granted the status will be backdated to the start of the current academic year (the point at which registered student status was lost).

   e) Extended membership will not extend beyond two years after the start of the academic year where it is granted.
f) Extended membership will be granted after approval by the General Manager (or designated deputy) and Vice President Administration

4. Note – this covers only the application and granting of such status. The rights and privileges of a student granted this status remain as provided for in the Constitution.

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