

This Union Notes:

1. That since the 05/06 academic year, there has been a steady annual increase in the number of Programme (Course) Representatives
2. That the constitution does not currently recognise the role of Programme Representatives
3. That in the 08/09 academic year, the role of Vice President Education & Welfare was split into two remits; Vice President Welfare & Student Rights and Vice President Academic Affairs
4. That the 09/10 academic year has thus far been the largest period of sustained membership growth in all zones in the Students' Union's history
5. That in the 09/10 academic year the process of election for Faculty Representatives has dramatically changed, with the implementation of balloting at the Programme Representative Conference

This Union Believes:

1. That the processes guiding and governing the function of Programme Representatives should be recognized in the Standing Orders of the Students' Union's constitution
2. That distinction should be made between a democratically elected "Part Time Officer" and a democratically elected "Representative of the Student Body"
3. That the constitution currently places an unfair zonal presence from the Education Zone at the Student Affairs Committee, with two Faculty Representatives per faculty
4. That the role of Education Officer was originally conceived to deputise the VP Education & Welfare as the executive role was considered too broad to fully embrace the education half of the remit
5. That the role of the Education Officer is not fit for purpose as it is too broad a remit to realistically expect a volunteer to undertake
6. That there is already a Post Graduate Students' Campaign Officer role, rendering further elements of the Education Officer's role redundant

This Union Resolves:

1. To recognise the distinction between the 'Officers of the Union' and its 'Student Representatives.'
2. To amend Standing Order 2 (Elections) to add the following after section 1.6; *"1.7 Officially recognized Representatives of the Student Body shall be elected in accordance with Standing Order 11 (Representatives of the Student Body)"* And to number all subsequent subsections accordingly.
3. To amend section 2.1.3 of Standing Order 5 (Student Affairs Committee) to the following; *"2.1.3 The Faculty Representatives from each faculty of the university."*
4. To delete section 3.6.18 of Standing Order 9 (Officers of the Union)
5. To amend section 3.6 of Standing Order 9 (Officers of the Union) to replace section 3.6.6, and all its subsequent subsections, with the following;

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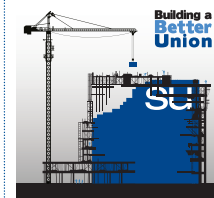
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- "3.6 THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS' OFFICER SHALL;*
- 3.6.6.1 Be a member of the Student Affairs Committee*
 - 3.6.6.2 Represent the views and interests of Undergraduate Students to the Union*
 - 3.6.6.3 Aid the relevant Full-Time Officer in the delivery of the priority Education Campaign*
 - 3.6.6.4 Sit and work within the relevant zone*
 - 3.6.6.5 Any other duties as to further the Union's aims and objectives"*
6. To amend section 3.6 of Standing Order 9 (Officers of the Union) to add the following after section 3.6.17, with the following;
- "3.18 THE PART-TIME STUDENTS' OFFICER SHALL;*
- 3.6.18.1 Be a member of the Student Affairs Committee*
 - 3.6.18.2 Represent the views and interests of Part-Time Students to the Union*
 - 3.6.18.3 Aid the relevant Full-Time Officer in the delivery of the priority Education Campaign*
 - 3.6.18.4 Sit and work within the relevant zone*
 - 3.6.18.5 Any other duties as to further the Union's aims and objectives"*
- And to made appropriate consequential amendments.
7. That there shall be a new Standing Order regarding union recognised 'Representatives of the Student Body' as detailed in Schedule One of this Motion

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STANDING ORDER 11 – STUDENT BODY REPRESENTATIVES

- 1.0 Representatives of the Student Body
 - 1.1 There shall be recognized Representatives of the Student Body, to be entitled;
 - 1.1.1 Programme Representative(s)
 - 1.1.2 Faculty Representative(s)
- 2.0 The role of Programme Representative(s)
 - 2.1 A Programme Representative shall be;
 - 2.1.1 One half of the student representation from each stage at Programme Committee Meetings
 - 2.1.2 Democratically elected by their classmates to represent their educational interests to the University of Derby and the University of Derby Students' Union
 - 2.1.3 A Programme Representative Conference delegate
 - 2.1.4 A full member of Union Council (with voting rights)
 - 2.1.5 Required to attend a Basic Training session at the start of the academic year
 - 2.1.6 A candidate for co-option to the School Quality Meetings on behalf of the University of Derby Students' Union
- 3.0 The role of Faculty Representative(s)
 - 3.1 A Faculty Representative shall be;
 - 3.1.1 Elected to post by Programme Representatives at the Programme Representative Conference
 - 3.1.2 One of five Part-Time Faculty Representatives of the University of Derby Students' Union
 - 3.1.3 Full members of the Student Affairs Committee (with voting rights)
 - 3.1.4 To attend Dean of Faculty Meetings alongside the Academic Representation Co-ordinator
 - 3.1.5 A member of the Academic Representation Steering Group

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| <p>4.0 Election of Programme Representatives</p> <p>4.1 These elections shall be run in accordance with the Union Constitution, Standing Orders and Policies</p> <p>4.2 Failure to comply with these regulations, as interpreted by the Returning Officer, may result in disqualification from the election</p> <p>4.3 Election of a Programmes Representatives shall take place at a time and in a place at the discretion of the Returning Officer when all the students at the relevant stage of the same programme can be gathered together in one place.</p> <p>4.4 The Returning Officer, abiding by section 5.0 of this Standing Order and its consequential subsections, shall conduct the election by ballot of raising of hands in favour of each candidate, ensuring that each voter votes only once and making such record of those votes cast to obtain a plurality for first and second place</p> <p>4.5 Those candidates who obtain the plurality of the votes cast in that election shall be deemed to have been elected by the programme stage concerned</p> <p>4.6 Re-Open Nominations (RON) shall also be a candidate during every election for Programme Representatives</p> <p>4.7 In the event of RON winning, the Returning Officer shall organize a new election at the next practical opportunity</p> <p>4.8 In the event of RON winning a second election for the same programme's stage the Returning Officer shall be empowered to co-opt such of that programme's stage's cohort as he shall deem fit for the purpose</p> <p>5.0 The Returning Officer for Programme Representative Elections</p> <p>5.1 In accordance with the Education Act 1994 and the Union Constitution a Returning Officer shall preside these elections</p> <p>5.2 Programme Leaders, employed by the University of Derby, shall also be appointed ex-officio as Returning Officers for the election of Programme Representatives</p> <p>5.3 The duties of the Returning Officer shall be:</p> <p>5.3.1 To take any steps necessary to promote the fair and proper conduct of the election,</p> <p>5.3.2 To Settle disputes,</p> <p>5.3.3 Explain the role of the Re-Open Nominations candidate,</p> <p>5.3.4 To fulfil their obligations set out in section 5.3.1; after consultation with the Vice-President with responsibility for Academic Affairs, may, introduce additional rules and regulations taking immediate, during the course of the election,</p> <p>5.3.5 To announce the results of the election stating the number of votes for each candidate, and</p> <p>5.3.6 To facilitate the operation of a fair secret ballot, should such a ballot be requested by any member of the programme stage concerned or any candidate in that election</p> <p>5.4 No Returning Officer shall endorse a candidate for election</p> <p>5.5 The Vice-President with responsibility for Academic Affairs shall have final decision on the interpretation of the Union Constitution and Standing Orders pertaining to election of Programme Representatives</p> <p>6.0 Eligibility for election as a Programme Representative</p> <p>6.1 Eligibility shall be as set out in Standing Order 2 (Elections) section 5.0, with the following exception;</p> <p>6.1.1 That a candidate shall be a member of the programme stage concerned which is electing its Programme Representatives</p> | <p><i>Policy Number:</i> 2009/10-21</p> <p><i>Amendment Number:</i> A2009/10-21</p> <p><i>Policy Title:</i> Representing You, Representing your Union, Representing You</p> <p><i>Amendment Title:</i> Meetings</p> <p><i>Zone:</i> Education</p> <p><i>Policy Proposer:</i> Jason Brown, ADT Faculty Representative</p> <p><i>Policy Seconder:</i> Trevor Austin, Democracy Officer</p> <p><i>Date Passed:</i> 5/3/2010 Union Council</p> |
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| <p>7.0 Nominations for elections of Programme Representatives</p> <p>7.1 All Candidates shall notify the Returning Officer of their own self-nomination</p> | <p><i>Policy Number:</i> 2009/10-21</p> |
| <p>8.0 Programme Representative Conference</p> <p>8.1 There shall be an annual conference of Elected Programme Representatives.</p> <p>8.2 During the proceedings of the Programme Representative Conference elections shall take place for the position of Faculty Representative for each faculty of the University</p> | <p><i>Amendment Number:</i> A2009/10-21</p> <p><i>Policy Title:</i> Representing You, Representing your Union, Representing You</p> |
| <p>9.0 Election of Faculty Representatives</p> <p>9.1 These elections shall be run in accordance with the Union Constitution, Standing Orders and Policies</p> <p>9.2 Failure to comply with these regulations, as interpreted by the Returning Officer, may result in disqualification from the election</p> <p>9.3 The Returning Officer, abiding by section 12.0 of this Standing Order and its consequential subsections, shall conduct a secret ballot through the use of single transferable vote and shall be counted in accordance with section 14 Standing Order 2 (Elections), and all its subsequent sub-sections</p> <p>9.4 The candidate who obtains the quorum following this process shall be deemed to have been elected by the faculty concerned</p> <p>9.5 Re-Open Nominations (RON) shall also be a candidate during every election for Faculty Representative</p> <p>9.6 In the event of RON winning, the position will re-open for nominations for a new election at the next practical opportunity, as the Returning Officer can arrange</p> | <p><i>Ammendment Title:</i> Meetings</p> <p><i>Zone:</i> Education</p> <p><i>Policy Proposer:</i> Jason Brown, ADT Faculty Representative</p> <p><i>Policy Seconder:</i> Trevor Austin, Democracy Officer</p> |
| <p>10.0 The Returning Officer for Faculty Representative Elections</p> <p>10.1 In accordance with the Education Act 1994 and the Union Constitution a Returning Officer shall preside these elections</p> <p>10.2 The Vice President with responsibility for Academic Affairs shall act as the Returning Officer for elections of Faculty Representatives</p> <p>10.3 The duties of the Returning Officer shall be:</p> <p>10.3.1 To take any steps necessary to promote the fair and proper conduct of the election,</p> <p>10.3.2 To Settle disputes,</p> <p>10.3.3 Explain the role of the Re-Open Nominations candidate,</p> <p>10.3.4 To fulfil their obligations set out in section 12.3.1; after consultation with the President, may, introduce additional rules and regulations taking immediate, during the course of the election, and</p> <p>10.3.5 To announce the results of the election stating the number of votes for each candidate</p> <p>10.4 The Returning Officer shall endorse no single a candidate for election</p> <p>10.5 The Union President shall have final decision on the interpretation of the Union Constitution and Standing Orders pertaining to election of Faculty Representatives</p> | <p><i>Date Passed:</i> 5/3/2010 Union Council</p> |
| <p>11.0 Eligibility for election as a Faculty Representative</p> <p>11.1 Eligibility shall be as set out in Standing Order 2 (Elections) section 5.0, with the following exception;</p> <p>11.1.1 That a candidate shall be a member of the faculty concerned which is electing its Faculty Representative</p> | |

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| <p>12.0 Nominations for elections of Programme Representatives</p> <p>12.1 All Nominees shall:</p> <p>12.1.1. Submit a valid nomination form by the advertised deadline</p> <p>12.1.2 Be nominated and seconded by any full-members of the Union</p> <p>12.2 All valid nominees shall be confirmed as Candidates by the Returning Officer</p> <p>13.0 Campaigning during Elections for Programme and Faculty Representatives</p> <p>13.1 Each candidate shall be allowed two minutes before the voting takes place in elections for either Programme or Faculty Representatives take place in order to present a statement as to which they should be elected to that position</p> <p>14.0 Schedule of Elections for Programme Representatives and Faculty Representatives</p> <p>14.1 The Schedule of Elections for elections for Programme Representatives and Faculty Representatives shall be set by the Academic Representation Steering Group on behalf on the University of Derby and the University of Derby Students' Union</p> <p>15. Complaints and Violations</p> <p>15.1 Any complaint from any candidate or voter in elections for Programme Representatives shall be addressed to the Vice-President with responsibility for Academic Affairs, whose decision shall be final</p> <p>15.2 In the event of a violation of any rules set out in this Standing Order, by any candidate the Vice-President with responsibility for Academic Affairs may demand a re-run of the election concerned and may, should he deem it necessary, bar any candidate from that re-run. He may also ask for disciplinary proceedings to be brought, in accordance with Appendix IV to the Standing Orders</p> <p>15.3 In the event of a violation of any rules set out in this Standing Order, by any Returning Officer in elections for Programme Representatives the Vice-President with responsibility for Academic Affairs may demand a re-run of the election concerned and may, should he deem it necessary, impose any additional requirements on that new election as he finds appropriate</p> <p>15.4 Any complaint from any candidate or voter in elections for Faculty Representatives shall be addressed to the President, whose decision shall be final</p> <p>15.5 In the event of a violation of any rules set out in this Standing Order, by the Returning Officer in elections for Faculty Representatives the President may demand a re-run of the election concerned</p> | <p><i>Policy Number:</i> 2009/10-21</p> <p><i>Amendment Number:</i> A2009/10-21</p> <p><i>Policy Title:</i> Representing You, Representing your Union, Representing You</p> <p><i>Amendment Title:</i> Meetings</p> <p><i>Zone:</i> Education</p> <p><i>Policy Proposer:</i> Jason Brown, ADT Faculty Representative</p> <p><i>Policy Seconder:</i> Trevor Austin, Democracy Officer</p> <p><i>Date Passed:</i> 5/3/2010 Union Council</p> |
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