

E21-06: Motion to update the Disabled Students' Network (DSN) Constitution

Owner: SRC Disabilities Subcommittee

In effect from: Immediately

Review Date: September 2021

It is noted that:

1. The Disabled Students Network is a subcommittee of the SRC.
2. The Class Representatives Forum consists of Disabilities Representatives.

It is believed that:

1. The current committee has found some positions to be overworked.
2. The Disabilities Class Representatives could be better supported by a dedicated member of the committee.

It is resolved to:

1. Increase the number of Event and Publicity Officers to two each.
2. Add an Education Officer to support the disabilities class representatives.
3. Replace the existing constitution of the SRC Disabilities Committee (Appendix 1) with the Proposed Constitution (Appendix 2)

Proposer

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Seconders

Bhavya Palugudi, SRC Environment Officer

Sandra Mitchell, SRC Lifelong and Flexible Learners Officer

Emma Craig, SRC Student Health Officer

SRC Disabilities Subcommittee

Appendices

Appendix A

Chapter Five: Disabilities Subcommittee (Disabled Students' Network) (Existing Constitution)

4. Membership of the Committee

4.1. Disability Officer

- 4.1.1. Will be elected in the Students' Association Elections.
- 4.1.2. Will chair and convene the Disabilities Subcommittee.
- 4.1.3. Will represent disabled students on the Students' Representative Council.
- 4.1.4. Will coordinate with relevant parties like the Students' Association or the University on issues affecting disabled students.
- 4.1.5. Will be responsible for overseeing the operations of the Disabilities Subcommittee.
- 4.1.6. Will be responsible for maintaining the support resources for disabled students, alongside the Deputy Convenor.

4.2. Deputy Convenor

- 4.2.1. Will chair the subcommittee meetings in the absence of the Disability Officer.
- 4.2.2. Will assist the Disability Officer wherever possible and represent the Disabilities subcommittee if the Disability Officer is unable to.
- 4.2.3. Will be responsible for maintaining the support resources for disabled students, alongside the Disability Officer.
- 4.2.4. Will be selected by interview.

4.3. Secretary

- 4.3.1. Will be in charge of taking minutes of committee meetings and keeping an archive of them.
- 4.3.2. Will manage the mailing list.
- 4.3.3. Will be selected by interview.

4.4. Treasurer

- 4.4.1. Will be responsible for managing the committee finances throughout the

year.

4.4.2. Will coordinate fundraising and sponsorship for the committee, where appropriate.

4.4.3. Will produce the yearly budget in collaboration with the Disability Officer.

4.4.4. Will be selected by interview.

4.5. Events Officer

4.5.1. Will be responsible for organising events and activities that raise awareness of disability and social events for disabled students.

4.5.2. Will liaise with societies and student groups to organise collaborations, where appropriate.

4.5.3. Will be responsible for coordinating Disability Pride Week.

4.5.4. Will be elected via AGM.

4.6. Campaigns and Publicity Officer

4.6.1. Will be responsible for managing the committee's social media.

4.6.2. Will be responsible for creating and managing our advertising campaigns to raise awareness of disability and the support available for disabled students.

4.6.3. Will coordinate the publicity for the committee.

4.6.4. Will be selected by interview.

4.7. Accessibility Officer (Societies & Student Events)

4.7.1. Will be responsible for overseeing the Students' Association Accessibility Pledge.

4.7.2. Will work with Societies Subcommittee, societies, and student groups to improve the accessibility of society events.

4.7.3. Will be the contact for questions about accessibility for events run by the Disabled Students' Network.

4.7.4. Will run Office Hours and be a contact for questions about accessibility from student groups.

4.7.5. Will be selected by interview.

4.8. Neurodiversity Representative

- 4.8.1. Will be responsible for representing the needs and experiences of neurodivergent students to the committee.
- 4.8.2. Will be responsible for awareness-raising around neurodiversity and the support available for neurodivergent students alongside the committee.
- 4.8.3. Will be elected via AGM.

4.9. Physical Disability Representative

- 4.9.1. Will be responsible for representing the needs and experiences of physically disabled students to the committee.
- 4.9.2. Will be responsible for awareness-raising around physical disability and the support available for physically disabled students alongside the committee.
- 4.9.3. Will be elected via AGM.

4.10. Mental Health Representative

- 4.10.1. Will be responsible for representing the needs and experiences of students with mental health conditions to the committee.
- 4.10.2. Will be responsible for awareness-raising around mental health conditions and the support available for students with mental health conditions alongside the committee.
- 4.10.3. Will coordinate their activities with the Wellbeing Subcommittee and the Student Health Officer.
- 4.10.4. Will be elected via AGM.

4.11. Chronic Illness Representative

- 4.11.1. Will be responsible for representing the needs and experiences of chronically ill students to the committee.
- 4.11.2. Will be responsible for awareness-raising around chronic health conditions and the support available for students with chronic illness alongside the committee.
- 4.11.3. Will be elected via AGM.

4.12. First Year Representative

- 4.12.1. Will be responsible for representing the needs and experiences of first

year students to the committee.

4.12.2. Will be responsible for organising events and campaigns aimed at first year students alongside the committee.

4.12.3. Will be elected via EGM.

4.13. Postgraduate Representative

4.13.1. Will be elected via EGM.

4.13.2. Will be responsible for representing the needs and experiences of postgraduate students to the committee.

4.13.3. Will be responsible for organising events and campaigns aimed at postgraduate students alongside the committee.

4.14. Director of Wellbeing

Appendix B

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4.5. **Two Events Officers**

- 4.5.1. Will be responsible for organising events and activities that raise awareness of disability and social events for disabled students.
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4.8. Education Officer

- 4.8.1. Attend Disabilities Representatives Forum and support the class representatives alongside the SRC Disability Officer.
- 4.8.2. Will be responsible for representing the needs and experiences of disabled students with regards to their studies (e.g. academic adjustments) to the committee.
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4.15. Director of Wellbeing