

**J. 20-1 Motion to make Societies Committee executive officers interviewed positions.**

Owner: Markus Lee

In Effect From: Immediately

Review Date: 11 February 2020

**It is noted that:**

1. The Societies Committee has three executive officers: Affiliations Officer, Grants Officer and Elections Officer.
2. All executive officers of the Societies Committee are currently elected.
3. Entry-level positions are available for each of the three officer roles.

**It is believed that:**

1. The responsibilities of the executive officers and the Societies Officer are highly skilled and requires specific knowledge.
2. Changing executive officers into interviewed position ensures that candidates for the positions will be qualified for the roles.
3. Interviewed officers will also ensure that the Societies Committee runs smoothly in the case of an elected Societies Officer who has never been in the committee.

**It is resolved to:**

1. Update chapter 25 of the Laws (Appendix A) and replace it with Appendix B.

**Proposer**

Markus Lee – SSC Societies Officer

**Secunder**

Shaina Sullivan – Director of Student Development and Activities

Toni Valencia – SSC Debates Officer

Gavin Sandford – SSC Member without Portfolio

## **Appendix A: Chapter 25 of the Current Laws**

### 1.1. Membership

- 1.1.1. SSC Societies Officer (Convenor and Chair)
- 1.1.2. Director of Student Development and Activities
- 1.1.3. Grants Officer
- 1.1.4. Grants Adviser
- 1.1.5. Elections Officer
- 1.1.6. Secretary
- 1.1.7. Elections Adviser
- 1.1.8. Affiliations Officer
- 1.1.9. Affiliations Adviser
- 1.1.10. Webmaster
- 1.1.11. Events Officer
- 1.1.12. University Charities Campaign Societies Coordinator
- 1.1.13. Two SRC Nominees
- 1.1.14. Two SSC Nominees
- 1.1.15. Management Accountant (Non-Voting)

### 1.2. Remit

- 1.2.1. The Societies Committee shall:
- 1.2.2. Approve affiliation of individual societies.
- 1.2.3. Formulate policy on societies.
- 1.2.4. Ensure that affiliated societies fulfil their role as defined in their constitution.
- 1.2.5. Organise Societies Fairs in consultation with the Director of Student Development and Activities.
- 1.2.6. Liaise with societies about Association facilities and make recommendations to the SSC and SAB as to their provision, ensure that societies abide by their constitutions and Association policy, and approve Association publications concerned with societies.
- 1.2.7. Be the committee responsible for the passing of budgeted and discretionary grants for societies, subject to limitations by the budget.
- 1.2.8. Encourage societies to boost alumni engagement by starting semesterly newsletters and maintaining email lists of society alumni.

### 1.3. Meetings

- 1.3.1. The Societies Committee shall meet weekly in term time, excluding pre-sessional and revision weeks, at other times when necessary.

### 1.4. Annual General Meeting

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- 1.4.2. All committee positions excluding those who are members of the SSC or SRC shall be elected at this meeting.
- 1.4.3. There shall be 14 days' notice of the AGM and this shall be posted in places which shall be determined from time to time.
- 1.4.4. All matriculated students of the University, except those that have exercised their right under the 1994 Education Act not to be members of the Students' Association, shall be eligible for nomination and each member shall have a vote.
- 1.4.5. No person may hold more than one voting position on the Committee at any one time.
- 1.4.6. Elections shall be conducted by a secret ballot using the STV system, and all candidates shall run against RON.

## Appendix B: Proposed Updated Laws

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1.5. Interviewed Positions

1.5.1. The positions of Grants Officer, Elections Officer and Affiliations Officer shall be filled by appointment after interview, which will take place before the Annual General Meeting.

1.5.2. The interview panel will comprise of the outgoing Director of Student Development of Activities, the incoming and outgoing Societies Officers and the incumbent of the position being interviewed.

1.5.3. If a member of the panel is reapplying for the same position under interview then they must resign from the panel, in which case the remaining members may decide to invite one other person to join the panel.