

J20-17 A motion to change the role, remit and mode of appointment of the Vice President of the BAME Students' Network

Owner: Ananya Jain

In effect from: Immediately

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This SRC and SSC notes:

1. The Black, Asian and Ethnic Minority Students' Network was made a Subcommittee of the Students Association on 4th August 2020
2. The Vice President Role on the committee of the BAME Students' Network was proposed to be the official Liaison between the BAME Network and the African-Caribbean cultural society and be appointed after interviewing candidates nominated by the society.
3. This was done to ensure stronger ties between the Network and the ACS, in line with this years' goal of emphasising the Black Student Experience.
4. The relations between the ACS and the BAME Students' Network are and have always been good.

This SRC and SSC believe:

1. Restricting the role of Vice-President to only nominations from the ACS has skewed the application process and denied opportunity to some highly qualified candidates who have showed an interest in the role.
2. An representative role on a network for Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Students, should be open to all applicants who identify as BAME, to ensure that the most suitable applicant holds the position.
3. The goal of working to improve and prioritise the Black Student Experience will not be compromised through this change.
4. A formal position dedicated to the ACS is not required to maintain strong ties between the ACS and the BAME Students' Network

This SRC and SSC resolves:

1. To remove the requirement of the Vice President of the BAME Students' Network to be an ACS Liaison.
2. To change the eligibility of the Vice-President position, making it available to all matriculated students, rather than through nomination of only ACS affiliated students.
3. To update the constitution of the BAME Students' Network in Chapter 30 of the laws outlining the amendment in remit and roles accordingly (**See Appendix 1 section 6.1.3**)

Proposed

Ananya Jain, Association BAME Officer

Seconded

Emma Rose Walsh, Director of Wellbeing

Georgina Beeby, Association LGBT+ Officer

Gavin Sandford, Director of Student Development and Activities

Appendix 1 Changes to be made to the Constitution of the BAME Students Network Subcommittee (Chapter 30)

6.1.3 Vice President ~~(ACS Liaison)~~

6.1.3.1 Will stand to co-chair all Executive meetings, in absence of the BAME Association Officer

6.1.3.2 Will be in charge of room bookings and scheduling meetings and noting absences

6.1.3.3 Working alongside the University Administration to look into effective redressal of Racial Discrimination and managing the Reporting system

6.1.3.4 Will work with the Discipline Committee, to address matters linked race/ethnicity/cultural minorities

6.1.3.5 Will be appointed through an application and interview process by the BAME Selection Committee, ~~out of a series of candidates nominated by the St Andrews African Caribbean Society~~

~~**6.1.3.6** This position will ensure better communication and association between the ACS and the BAME Subcommittee~~

6.1.3.7 Will line manage the *Education Officer*