

R-22-05 Motion to amend the Societies Committee structure

Owner: Avery Kitchens

In Effect From: 1 March 2022

Review Date: 1 January 2023

It is noted that:

1. The Societies Committee has a committee of 16 students (including the DoSDA, its line manager).
2. Annually, the Societies Committee hosts two mixer events and the Society Awards.
3. The SRC Societies Officer is tasked with convening the Committee as well as hosting events, conducting re-affiliation and liaising with societies daily.
4. The SRC and SAF Carve-Ups have no official role on the Societies Committee.
5. One SRC Carve-Up and one Advisor have resigned from the Societies Committee this year.

It is believed that:

1. While advertised as “entry-level positions”, there is not enough delegatory work that can be given to Advisor positions.
2. It would be a better use of student volunteers’ time to consolidate the Societies Committee and rearrange responsibilities.
3. The Societies Committee is difficult to convene to quorum at its current size.
4. By including General Members elected via AGM, the Committee can be better supported during busy periods of work.
5. In including General Members in multiple aspects of the Committee, students can engage in more productive, collaborative work.
6. Traditionally, SRC and SAF Carve-Ups have sat through Societies Committee meetings with minimal contribution.
7. The BAME Societies Coordinator role has been largely ineffective on the Societies Committee side over the past two years and typically has no updates relevant to the operations of the Societies Committee.
8. The Charitable Societies Liaison can still work with societies while not sitting on the Societies Committee – similarly to the Societies Coordinator on the RAG Committee. The Charities Officer and the Societies Officer will continue to sit on the SRC together.
9. Publicity for the committee can continue to be done on an ad hoc basis by general members.

It is resolved that:

1. The Societies Committee will be structured as stated in Appendix B for the 2022 AGM.
2. These appendices are to be reflected in the Subcommittee Constitutions.

Proposer

Avery Kitchens – Director of Student Development and Activities

Secunder(s)

Laura Connies-Laing – SRC Societies Officer

Anna-Ruth Cockerham – Director of Wellbeing and Equality

Jess Smith – Athletic Union President

Ananya Jain – SRC BAME Officer/SRC Senior Officer

Appendices

Appendix A: Chapter 21 of the Subcommittee Constitutions

1. Aims

- 1.1. Approve the affiliation of individual societies to the Association.
- 1.2. Implement the procedures outlined in the Affiliated Societies section of the Laws of the Association.
- 1.3. Propose and implement Association policy on societies.
- 1.4. Ensure that affiliated societies fulfil the aims as defined in their constitutions.
- 1.5. Ensure that affiliated societies abide by their constitutions and current Association policy.
- 1.6. Organise Freshers' Fayre in consultation with the DoSDA.
- 1.7. Inform affiliated societies of the Association services and facilities available to them.
- 1.8. Make recommendations to the SAF and SAB on the provision of services and facilities for affiliated societies.
- 1.9. Inform and approve Association publications related to societies.
- 1.10. Offer discretionary grants to affiliated societies.
- 1.11. Encourage societies to develop alumni networks, including through alumni mailing lists and semesterly newsletters.

2. Committee

- 2.1. SAF Societies Officer (Convenor and Chair)
- 2.2. Secretary
- 2.3. Grants Officer
- 2.4. Grants Adviser
- 2.5. Elections Officer
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- 2.7. Affiliations Officer
- 2.8. Affiliations Adviser
- 2.9. Publicity Liaison
- 2.10. Charities Liaison

2.10.1. Must also hold the Societies Liaison position within the Charities Subcommittee.

2.11. BAME Societies Coordinator

2.12. Two SRC Nominees

2.13. Two SAF Nominees

2.14. DoSDA (line manager)

2.15. Association Management Accountant (non-voting)

3. Appointments

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3.1.1.3. Affiliations Officer

3.1.1.4. BAME Societies Coordinator

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3.2. All remaining vacant positions shall be elected at the AGM.

3.3. All appointment-related matters, including interviews, elections, and co-options, shall run as outlined in the Laws of the Association.

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