

R20-1: Reforming the structure of the Accommodation Subcommittee

In Effect- Immediately

Review Date- 31/01/2021

Notes

- 1) Over the course of last semester, two people held, and then resigned from the role of accommodation officer.
- 2) The size and scope of the accommodation officer role has lead to previous accommodation officers struggling to fulfil both sides of the role, catering both to students living in halls of residence and private rented accommodation.
- 3) Currently, the Accommodation Subcommittee is smaller and less well developed than other subcommittees with similar responsibilities.
- 4) The Student's Association Laws currently allow for the Accommodation Officer and Association President to submit a membership structure for the Accommodation Subcommittee to Association Councils for approval.

Believes

- 1) Association Officers should be properly supported in their roles
- 2) The lack of clearly defined roles within the accommodation subcommittee has contributed to Accommodation Officers becoming overworked.
- 3) Defining roles more clearly would allow the accommodation subcommittee to effectively address both sides of their remit.

Resolves

- 1) To replace section 5.1 of the Laws of the Student Association (covering the responsibilities of the Accommodation officer with the following:

5.1.SRC Accommodation Officer

The SRC Accommodation Officer shall have special responsibilities for those areas concerning accommodation and shall:

5.1.1.Convene and chair meetings of the SRC Accommodation Committee at least every two weeks during term.

5.1.2.Coordinate their activities with the Association President. **5.1.3.**Implement Association policy regarding student accommodation issues.

5.1.4. Have the final say on editing the How to Rent, How to Leave, and similar leaflets, and promote accommodation advocacy services in consultation with the Association President, Design and Marketing Officer and the Student Advocate (Accommodation).

5.1.5 To attend meetings with the senior student forum, accommodation services and residential and business services along with the Deputy Accommodation Officer (Halls)

5.1.6 To attend meetings with private letting agents set by student services along with the Deputy Accommodation Officer (Private Accommodation)

2) To replace section 7.1.1 of the Laws of the Student Association (covering the responsibilities of the Accommodation officer with the following:

7.1.1.2 Deputy Accommodation Officer (Halls) shall be responsible for supporting the Accommodation Officer in representing students living in halls, by chairing the Senior Students Forum, liaising between hall committees, the Student's Association, and relevant University Departments, overseeing the aspects of Accommodation Week that relate to Halls, and through any other appropriate means

7.1.1.3 Deputy Accommodation Officer (Private Accommodation) shall be responsible for supporting the Accommodation Officer in representing students living in private accommodation, by liaising with landlords and renting agents, overseeing aspects of the How to Rent guide and Accommodation Week relating to private rented accommodation, and through any other appropriate means.

7.1.1.4 the Head of Social Media shall be responsible for promoting what the subcommittee does and the events they organise, as well as keep the subcommittees social media pages up to date.

7.1.1.5 Head of Events shall be responsible for planning and executing Accommodation Week (overseen by the Accommodation Officer) and for organising other events to promote the aims of the subcommittee.

7.1.1.6 The Secretary for the Accommodation Subcommittee shall be responsible for keeping the minutes of accommodation subcommittee meetings, and making sure they are shared with the rest of the Subcommittee and with the Association Chair.

Proposed

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