

S. Motion to Alter Description of Roles of UDS Board of Ten

Owner: Toni Valencia

In Effect From: Immediately

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Proposer

Toni Valencia – SSC Debates Officer

Seconders

Tom Groves - SSC Broadcasting Officer

Gavin Sandford - SSC Member Without Portfolio

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It is noted that:

1. The Union Debating Society appoints their Treasurer through an interview process with currently a four-person panel: the outgoing president, the incoming president, the outgoing treasurer and the outgoing DoSDA.
2. The Fresher's Representative is co-opted by the current Board of Ten Members.
3. The past two years of co-opting a Fresher's Representative resulted in the Fresher's Representative quitting before the end of their term.
4. The "Internal Secretary" is the current title of committee members tasked with finding speakers.
5. Job-sharing positions on the UDS Board of Ten are becoming more common. However, each position that is shared between two people are only given one vote.

It is believed that:

1. In the event that the outgoing Treasurer is re-applying for the position, then they should not be on the panel. Instead, the incoming DoSDA should be added to the panel.
2. Logistically, it would be easier to remain with only four people on the panel to appoint the Treasurer to ensure everyone can attend. Further, it would reduce any intimidation as it would be a panel of four instead of five.
3. Co-opting a Fresher's Representative is unrepresentative of the views of the cohort of first year debaters.
4. The Fresher's Representative should be representative of the first year debaters at the UDS and therefore should be elected by first year debaters.
5. Internal Secretary is a confusing title and does not encompass the meaning of the role. "Speakers Secretary" is a title that represents the position much more clearly.
6. Every member of the Board of Ten should be entitled to their own respective vote as people sharing the same position may not come to an agreement on a certain issue.

It is resolved to:

1. Update Chapter 14, Section 3.2.10 of the Laws to the following:

3.2.10.The Fresher's Representative (non-voting member) shall be responsible for the representation of all first year debaters which includes any person who has not actively competed or participated within the society for more than a year. They will also co-head a Freshers' subcommittee alongside the Treasurer, responsible for fund-raising and organising social activities explicitly for first year debaters, refreshers and other activities. Moreover, they shall assist the Convenor and Deputy Convenor in the smooth-running of the society. The election will take place during the first semester of each academic year and not during the Annual General LAWS OF THE ASSOCIATION 64 Meeting (AGM). **Only first year debaters and Board of Ten members of that academic year will be allowed to vote in this election which will take the same process as an Emergency General Meeting (EGM) as outlined in Section 5 of the LAWS OF THE ASSOCIATION. This election should be advertised at least 5 days in advance to all members of the society. First year university debaters are those that are involved in debating for less than a calendar year since their first training session.**

5.7.The Treasurer will be appointed one week prior to the AGM based on an application and interview, with the panel consisting of the outgoing president, the incoming president, the outgoing treasurer and the outgoing DoSDA. **In the event that the outgoing treasurer is re-applying for the position, the outgoing treasurer's panel spot will be replaced by the incoming DoSDA.**

2. Update all "Internal Secretary" titles in Chapter 14 of the Laws of the Association to "Speakers Secretary"

3. Update Section 3 of Chapter 14 N.B. to the following:

N.B. All officers must read and sign a copy of the Constitution on being elected to their position.

N.B. Officers elected at the AGM may be elected as a job-share. **All members elected during the AGM into the Board of Ten will be allocated one vote.**