Amendment to Governing Document AGD1113 Amendment to UCLU Byelaws: Liberation Groups



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This Union Notes:

- 1. That there are four liberation groups; Women, LGBT, BME, and Disabled within UCLU and NUS.
- 2. That the Women's Officer and the LGBT Officer are elected cross campus and the BME Officer and Disabled Officer are elected by the Equality forum.
- 3. That the LGBT Officer and Women's Officer sit on UCLU Council and the BME Officer and Disability Officer do not.

This Union Believes:

- 1. All liberation officers should be equal, and thus have an equal voice.
- By have a cross campus election, with those who vote self-defining, will encourage more students to engage with the democratic process of electing their representative.
- 3. Further to Believes 2) it will raise the profile of their representative.

This Union Resolves:

- 1. To add the appendix to the UCLU Byelaws
- 2. To elect these officers in the Autumn 2012 elections and then in the Spring elections thereafter.

Appendix:

Add to Section 4 - Union Council

Composition

- 5. The composition of Union Council shall be:
 - w. BME Students' Officer
 - x. Disabled Students' Officer

Add to Section 8 - Union Officers

C- Non-Sabbatical Officers

BME Students' Officer

The BME Students' Officer shall:

- a. Self-define as black or minority ethnic
- b. Represent the interests of BME students within the Union and Equality Forum
- c. Work with the Welfare & International Officer and Equality Officer
- d. Coordinate campaigns related to issues affecting the BME community.
- e. Liaise with the NUS on BME issues.
- f. Attend the NUS Black Students' Conference

Disabled Students' Officer

The Disabled Students' Officer shall:

- a. Self-define as disabled
- b. Represent the interests of disabled students within the Union and Equality Forum
- c. Work with the Welfare & International Officer and Equality Officer
- d. Coordinate campaigns related to issues affecting the disabled student community.
- e. Liaise with the NUS on disability issues.
- f. Attend the NUS Disabled Students' Conference

Section 9 - Elections

Positions

- 10. The following positions shall be elected via sectional elections:
 - h. BME Students' Officer
 - i. Elected by students who self-define as BME
 - i. Disabled Students' Officer
 - i. Elected by students who self-define as disabled