

**Title:** Change to the Structure of the Sports Rep System

**Policy Zone to be discussed at:** Activities Zone

### **1. What would you like the Union to do?**

This policy would move the Sports Rep elections to be included in the Leadership Election as opposed to the November Rep elections. However there would be a stipulation whereby 1 of the positions is retained for the November Rep Elections, to allow 1-year Masters Students' to run. The 'informal' portfolio for this reserved position would be the 'Post Grad Rep'.

### **2. Why would you like to do this?**

In recent years, the Sports Rep system has been ineffective. This policy would allow the Sports Officer and the Sports Reps to come into office at the same time and work together over the summer. This year by allocating Sports Reps individual portfolios, work has been targeted and focussed on tackling specific students issues in Sports. A summer election would allow an additional 4 months for the Sports Team to begin work and be involved in Freshers and the Leadership Conference.

Additionally, the leadership race has far greater student engagement and is resourced far more effectively by the Students' Union, thereby in all likelihood increasing the number of potential nominees to the role

### **3. How will this affect students?**

The role would be expanded, as it has been this year, with greater responsibility and opportunity for the Reps to engage in the Union process throughout the year. Thereby students will be better represented in sports and there is greater scope for the reps to enact change.

By moving the timeline of elections, incoming first years who normally would be able to nominate themselves as a Sports Rep, would no longer. However this role is aimed at those students with prior leadership experience within a club(s).

By retaining a position for post graduate students in the November elections, we are ensuring representation of this group, aswell as 'informally' creating a new portfolio, focussed on postgrad engagement in sports.