

Amendment to Governing Documents: Election arrangements for Student Trustees

What would you like to change in the Bye-Laws?

We propose that we move to electing the Student Trustees in two batches, two elected in the Autumn and two in the Spring. Those elected in the Autumn will have their term of office run from November to October. Whereas those elected in the Spring will have their term of office run from August to July. As with all other elected positions in the Union, those elected will remain in post so long as they remain as registered students at UCL (i.e. Members of the Union). Of the four, we shall ensure that there is at least one postgraduate student and one undergraduate student elected.

In terms of transitional arrangements, we will elect all four positions in Autumn 2022 and draw lots to determine which two elected Student Trustees will end their term earlier in June 2023.

Why would you like to do this?

This proposed change is in response to the Review of Governance Arrangements commissioned by the Board of Trustees, to ensure that the Union has democratic and effective governance structures. These arrangements will be reviewed as part of our elections review process and further tweaks will be reported to Governance Committee as and when appropriate.

How will this affect students?

An effectively governed Students' Union is in the best interest of UCL students.

Following approval from Union Executive, revisions made to the Bye-Laws will take effect for July 2022 to reflect this decision.

Bye-Law 10 – Elections

4. Timing of Elections

- a. ~~a. Student Representatives and Student Trustees shall be elected in Term 1.~~ Student Trustees should be elected in two batches, two elected in Term 1 and two elected in the Spring.

8. Eligibility and nominations

- e. ~~Student Trustees shall serve from 1 November in the year of their election until 31 October the following year. Student Trustees elected in the Autumn will have their term of office run from November to October of the following year. Those elected in the Spring will have their term of office run from August to July of the following year.~~