

Policy Briefing – Clubs & Societies Postgraduate Officer

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What is the current situation at UCL related to this proposal?

According to the Club and Society Election Rules¹, all officers must be elected via an online election facilitated by the Union. All offer positions must be listed in the club/society constitution and filled every year. At minimum, these positions include the President, Treasurer, and Welfare Officer.² Importantly, officer positions have political and financial responsibilities and influence for the club/society.

In terms of voting, any full member can stand for or vote for any position in the election, as long as they have been a full member of the club/society for at least 28 days.³

While some clubs and societies have subdivisions whose members are selected based on a specific skill set (e.g., trials for first team, auditions for a play), these selected members do not hold political or financial powers for the club/society. The selection process for these subdivisions must be open to all full members and be fair and transparent.

Are there any legal implications to this policy proposal?

Yes, if passed, the Club and Society Regulations and Election Rules would need to be modified.

Does this relate to any existing SU policy?

Yes, it relates to the Club and Society Regulations and Election Rules.

Are there any financial, resource or stakeholder/ public relations issues with this policy proposal?

Yes, if passed, the Club and Society Regulations and Election Rules would need to be modified.

What would the next steps be if the proposal passed?

The Union would need to send the policy to Union Exec given its implications for the Club and Society Regulations and Election Rules.

¹ https://studentsunionucl.org/sites/default/files/inline-images/Club%20%26%20Society%20Elections%20Rules%202021-22_1.pdf

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https://studentsunionucl.org/sites/default/files/u210044/documents/clubs_and_society_regulations_19.20_final.pdf

³ https://studentsunionucl.org/sites/default/files/inline-images/Club%20%26%20Society%20Elections%20Rules%202021-22_1.pdf