

Proposer:	James Skuse, Affiliate 800701
Passed:	Union Council, 23rd September 2011

This Union notes:

1. That on 16th May 2011 UCLU (“the Union”) incorporated as a Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a share capital, adopting the Memorandum and Articles of Association and Bye-Laws as its governing documents.
2. UCLU is the incorporated successor of the unincorporated association known as “University College London Union” (“the Unincorporated Union”) which currently remains as a dormant organisation for technical legal reasons.
3. The Unincorporated Union is governed by its Constitution and Standing Orders.
4. That clause 15.5 of the Memorandum and Articles of Association states:
“No business shall be transacted at any Members’ meeting unless a quorum is present. 2% of the total membership shall be a quorum.”
5. That clauses 21.1 and 21.2 of the Memorandum and Articles of Association state respectively:
“No business shall be transacted at any Company General Meeting unless a quorum is present” AND “200 persons entitled to vote upon the business to be transacted (each being a Member or a proxy for a Member) or 2% of the total membership (represented in person or by proxy), whichever is greater, shall be a quorum.”
6. That section 6, clause 6 of the Bye-Laws states:
“Quorum for a Members Meeting shall be 1% of the Union membership.”
7. That section XVIII, clause E of the Constitution of the Unincorporated Union and Section 10, Part I, Clause F of the Standing Orders of the Unincorporated Union state respectively:
“The quorum of General Meetings shall be as laid out in the Standing Orders for General Meetings”. AND “Quorum for a General Meeting shall be 1% of the Union membership.”
8. That the powers held by General Meetings of the Unincorporated Union are now held by both Members’ Meetings and by Company General Meetings of the Union.
9. That Object 4.3 of the Union states:
“providing[...] forums for discussions and debate for the personal development of its Students.”

This Union further notes:

1. That there was a mandate on all Clubs and Societies affiliated to the Unincorporated Union to send a minimum of two Members to each General Meeting of the Unincorporated Union.

2. That even with the Clubs and Societies mandate, attendance levels at General Meetings of the Unincorporated Union regularly fell below a quorum of 1%.
3. That the Clubs and Societies mandate is no longer in effect in the Union.

This Union believes:

1. That quorum for Members' meetings and Company General Meetings was unintentionally set at 2% during the drafting process of the governing documents of the Union.
2. That quorum of 2% as laid out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association acts as a barrier to the fulfilment of Object 4.3 of the Union as noted above.
3. That quorum for Members' meetings and Company General Meetings should not be set at a level which prevents Members from making decisions throughout the year.
4. That quorum must be urgently amended in order to allow the transaction of business at the Welcome Members' Meeting on the 18th October 2011.
5. That without the Clubs and Societies mandate, quorum for Members' meetings and Company General Meetings must be set at a more appropriate level.
6. That 0.5% of the total membership is a suitable level of quorum for Members' meetings and Company General Meetings.

This Union resolves:

1. To amend article 15.5 of the Memorandum and Articles of Association to:
"No business shall be transacted at any Members' meeting unless a quorum is present. 0.5% of the total membership shall be a quorum. "
2. To amend article 21.2 of the Memorandum and Articles of Association to:
"100 persons entitled to vote upon the business to be transacted (each being a Member or a proxy for a Member) or 0.5% of the total membership (represented in person or by proxy), whichever is greater, shall be a quorum."

To amend the Bye-Laws accordingly.