

AGD: NUS Delegate Elections

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

Change By-law 10.5.C, changing the 'in the Autumn' to 'before the NUS registration deadline'.

Why would you like to do this?

The NUS delegation representatives are one of our least voted for positions as they currently happen alongside the hall rep, faculty rep and student trustee elections. The delegates also get elected 5 months before having to attend the conference, meaning interests could change or other students who would like to get involved often miss their chance to run as there are a lot of other things going on. This change in the by-laws would allow the Union to run NUS delegate elections in the beginning of the Spring term, before the NUS National Conference registration deadline, which would help raise the profile of the delegate election as there would be no other elections at the same time. This change would also help the candidates as they would have a more informed stance as to the Union Policy that they would be representing (see By-Law 12.3.C) and would encourage more new students (first year undergraduates and one year masters students) to run.

How will this affect students?

There would be a third period of elections (January), there would be a better understanding of these positions across the student population as the information about this would not be at the same time as everything else in the Autumn term.