

AGD: Removal of Union Chair and Halls Accommodation Rep

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

Remove the roles of Union Chair and Halls Accommodation Representative as Non-Sabbatical Officer positions.

Why would you like to do this?

The Union Chair was previously chair of Union Council and acted as Returning Officer. As the Union's democratic processes have been restructured, and Union Council no longer exists, the position of Union Chair only chairs the Annual Members' Meeting. Sabbatical Officers chair zone meetings and the Democracy, Operations and Community Officer who chairs Executive Committee could also chair the Annual Members' Meeting in future. The Union now also has an External Returning Officer. Therefore, the role of Union Chair is redundant.

The position of Halls Accommodation Representative is also duplicative as its remit is covered by the Welfare & International Officer and the 16 respective Halls Representatives. Hall Representatives could approach the WIO for support and coordination of UCL hall-wide issues and campaigns. With such a wide coverage of halls-based issues, both at an executive and non-executive level, the position of Halls Accommodation Officer is redundant.

How will this affect students?

This amendment will make the Union's student representation more streamlined and more effective by removing redundant positions and ensuring that every non-sabbatical officer role has a clear purpose and roles are not duplicated.