

## **AGD: Activities Zone Representatives**

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

To remove the following text from Bye-Law 4.3.vii (Union Executive and Policy Zones: Activities Zone: Societies Representatives):

- “1. Academic Related
2. Altruism
3. Cultural
4. Departmental
5. Faith and Spirituality
6. Finance and Enterprise
7. Political
8. Student Media
9. Common Interest
10. Performance Art
11. Non-Performance Art”

To add the following text to Bye-Law 4.3.vii (Union Executive and Policy Zones: Activities Zone: Societies Representatives):

- “1. Student Media
2. Performance Art
3. Non-Performance Art
4. Societies Non-portfolio Reps (x6)”

To add the following text to Bye-Law 8.8 (Union Officers: Sabbatical Officers), preceding the list of Officer roles:

“h. The following Officers shall be elected:”

To add the following text to Bye-Law 8.9 (Union Officers: Non-Sabbatical Officers), preceding the list of Officer roles:

“c. The following Officers shall be elected:”

“c.xiii. Societies Non-Portfolio Representatives

1. Shall be members of registered Students’ Union societies.
2. Shall be elected by societies’ members in the Autumn elections.
3. Shall represent the interests of society members to the Union, on Activities Zone, and to UCL.
4. Shall each be a member of a different society, so that at least six different registered Students’ Union societies are represented.”

“c.xiv. Societies Representative – Student Media

1. Shall be a member of a Students’ Union student media group.
2. Shall be elected by student media group members in the Autumn elections.
3. Shall represent the interests of student media group members to the Union, on Activities Zone, and to UCL.”

“c.xv. Societies Representative – Non-Performance Art

1. Shall be a member of a Students’ Union non-performance art society.
2. Shall be elected by non-performance art society members in the Autumn elections.
3. Shall represent the interests of non-performance art society members to the Union, on Activities Zone, and to UCL.”

“c.xvi. Societies Representative – Performance Art

1. Shall be a member of a Students’ Union performance art society.
2. Shall be elected by performance art society members in the Autumn elections.
3. Shall represent the interests of performance art society members to the Union, on Activities Zone, and to UCL.”

“c.xviii. Sports Non-portfolio Representatives

1. Shall be members of Students’ Union Sports Clubs.
2. Shall be elected by Sports Club members in the Autumn elections.
3. Shall represent the interests of Sports Club members to the Union, on Activities Zone, and to UCL.
4. Shall each be a member of a different Sports Club, so that at least six different Sports Clubs are represented.”

To change the following numbering in Bye-Law 8.9 (Union Officers: Non-Sabbatical Officers)

“c.xiii. Sports Officer” -> “c.xvii. Sports Officer”

“c.xiv. Student Trustees” -> “c.xix Student Trustees”

“c.xv. Sustainability Officer” -> “c.xx. Sustainability Officer”

“c.xvi Trans Officer” -> “c.xxi Trans Officer”

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**Why would you like to do this?**

I believe this change will increase engagement with the Societies Reps roles by removing the previous, relatively arbitrary, categorisation and therefore broadening the opportunity for students to participate.

The stipulations that Societies and Sports Reps must each represent a different society or Sports Club will ensure that as wide a cross-section of students as possible is represented in the Union’s democratic meetings.

The other changes are cosmetic, in order to make the Bye-Laws grammatically cohesive.

**How will this affect students?**

This will affect students by improving the quality of their representation on the Activities Zone and increasing their opportunities to engage in student democracy.