

## **AGD: Proxy Voting for Liberation Officers**

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

Change the voting regulations on Policy Zones/Union Executive for Liberation Officers to allow proxy voting.

This would mean the addition of the following clauses to 'Bye-Law 4 – Union Executive and Policy Zones':

“Bye-Law 4.1.c.xi

If a liberation officer is unable to attend Union Executive, they may send an officer of their Liberation Network Committee in their stead, who will have voting rights for the duration of the meeting.

“Bye-Law 4.1.c.xii

Any Liberation Network committee member exercising proxy voting rights must have been sufficiently briefed by the officer on whose behalf they are voting. They must have had access to the agenda and papers of the meeting.”

“Bye-Law 4.5.q

If a liberation officer is unable to attend a Policy Zone, they may send a member of their Liberation Network Committee in their stead, who will have voting rights for the duration of the meeting.”

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

As invited members of all policy zones, liberation officers have a broad remit and can shape policy across all areas of the Union. Some liberation officers, however, are part-time, unpaid volunteers, which means that the workload they face can be overwhelming and at times incompatible with a healthy work-life balance.

This AGD would make it easier for these officers to delegate responsibility and ensure that members of Liberation Groups are receiving the representation they deserve, whilst not placing undue burden on the officers themselves. The fact that proxy voting will only be permissible through officers of the Liberation Networks, elected or co-opted in accordance with the Liberation Network constitutions, will ensure the democratic integrity of the Policy Zones is not compromised.

### **How will this affect students?**

This AGD will improve the experience of students who are constituents of Liberation Networks (i.e. the vast majority of students at UCL) by making sure that their representatives are able to undertake their work in a healthy, balanced way.