

**Amendment to Governing Document AGD1107
Motion to establish a School of Pharmacy Forum within
the UCL Union following the merger of The School of
Pharmacy, University of London, with University College
London.**



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This Union Notes

Following the merger of the School of Pharmacy with University College London (UCL) on 1st January 2012,

1. The privileges of the hitherto independent School of Pharmacy Student Union, which has represented students of the School for over 100 years, will cease;
2. The current students of the School of Pharmacy will be attached to the UCL Union in the current academic year, and thereafter;
3. The School of Pharmacy was the first Pharmacy School in England, having been established in 1842 by the (now) Royal Pharmaceutical Society;
4. The School of Pharmacy, with a student population of some 1,500, has a larger student body than other schools which have previously merged with UCL and now have separate representation on the UCL Union, including SSEES (in 1999), the Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine (in 1998) and the Middlesex Hospital Medical School (1987).
5. The Council of the School of Pharmacy agreed on 13th October 2011 that the School's Student Union would best continue as a Forum or similar body following the merger with UCL, a decision documented in the Memorandum of Understanding; and
6. Also agreed that, following the merger, the School's Student Union would continue to be funded by the School.

This Union Believes

1. Students of pharmacy and pharmaceutical science will be best served and represented by establishing a School of Pharmacy Forum as part of UCLU.
2. A School of Pharmacy Forum will give recognition to pharmacy as a distinct profession, one which is new to the UCL community.
3. A School of Pharmacy Forum will give prominence to the School's innovative and unique curriculum, which integrates the study of pharmaceutical sciences and the practice of pharmacy using student-centred teaching methods.
4. A School of Pharmacy Forum will smooth the transition for students from a specialist single-subject institution into UCL by allowing them to retain a feeling of identify and collegiality.

This Union Resolves

1. A School of Pharmacy Forum should be established within UCLU forthwith;
2. The current Joint Presidents of the School of Pharmacy Students' Union should be appointed as *ex-officio* members of the Council of UCLU until such time as elections are held for a Chair of the School of Pharmacy Forum; and
3. Thereafter the Chair of the School of Pharmacy Forum should serve as *ex-officio* members of the Council of UCLU.

4. Section 3 paragraph 10 of the UCLU byelaws on Student Forums should be amended to add the following new sub-section m:
 - m. School of Pharmacy Forum
 - i. Chaired by SOP officer, who shall be a UCL School of Pharmacy student
 - ii. Medical and Postgraduates' Officer shall be the lead Sabbatical Officer of the Forum
 - iii. Shall be a Forum for UCLU members to discuss issues affecting SOP students and develop policy to direct the Union's representation of UCL SOP students.
5. Section 4 paragraph 5 of the UCLU byelaws on Composition should be amended to add new sub-section v:
 - v. SOP officer (Chair of SOP Forum)
6. Section 8 of the UCLU byelaws on Union Officers should be amended to insert the following new paragraph after 55 and re-number the sections which follow:

SOP Officer

56. The SOP Officer shall

 - a. Be a student of UCL School of Pharmacy
 - b. Be responsible for representing the interests of School of Pharmacy students within the Union
 - c. Facilitate student representation to the School of Pharmacy, including via regular meetings with Dean of the School of Pharmacy along with other senior academics.
 - d. Seek to improve the engagement of School of Pharmacy students in the Union
 - e. Facilitate the growth of the SOP community by coordinating activities and events for SOP student as well as for the wider UCL student population.
 - f. Facilitate the relationship between UCL School of Pharmacy students and alumni.
 - g. Represent School of Pharmacy students to the Royal Pharmaceutical Society.
 - h. Chair the British Pharmaceutical Students' Association Intra-School committee and SOP Forum
7. Section 9 paragraph 11 of the UCLU byelaws on Elections should be amended to add new sub-section g:
 - g. SOP officer
 - i. Elected by students of UCL School of Pharmacy