

**Amendment to Governing Document AGD1109
Amendments to the UCLU Byelaws:
Enhancing democracy at UCLU**



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UCLU Will:

Adopt the following Byelaws:

Section 4 – Union Council

AMEND 2. It exists to represent the voice of students between Members' Meetings and Referenda, and to support the execution of policy.

Section 6 – Members' Meetings

AMEND 6. Quorum for a Members' Meeting shall be 0.5% of the Union Membership. Should the quorum not be reached within 30 minutes of the appointed time the business to be considered shall be considered at the next meeting of Union Council, except business which cannot be determined at Council.

AMEND 11. An Annual Members' Meeting shall be held once per annum in the second term.

ADD Union Members' Meeting

17. Shall be held not less than two times in each of the first and second terms.

Section 7 – Union Policy

REMOVE c. The amendments must be made before the first meeting the policy is to be discussed at, i.e. Forums for Forum policy.

Section 8 – Union Officers

ADD 4. All Officers are to attend all Members' Meetings.

AMEND 17. One emergency meeting of Union Council and one Emergency Members' Meeting or two Emergency Members' Meetings shall be called on receipt of the motion, unless the paper deadline for the next scheduled meeting falls within 5 working days of receipt in which case the No Confidence motion will take precedence over all other motions to be considered.

AMEND 20. Sabbatical Officers may only have a motion of no confidence brought against them if the Sabbatical contract has been broken or if they are guilty of gross misconduct.

b. Union Council or the Members' Meeting must rule out any motion that does not conform to the rules above.

AMEND 24. If the Officer wishes to appeal they must give notice in writing to the Union Chair within 2 working days of the first vote. If it is inappropriate for the Union Chair to receive the complaint, it shall be sent to the Democracy and Communications Officer.

c. If the appeal is unsuccessful the officer will remain suspended until the Emergency Members' Meeting.

No Confidence Motions in Non-Sabbatical Officers

AMEND 38. No confidence motions may be submitted to the Union Council or a Members' Meeting.

AMEND 40. On receipt of a no confidence motion an emergency Union Council meeting or Emergency Members' Meeting shall be called, unless the paper deadline for the next scheduled meeting falls within 5 working days of receipt in which case the No Confidence motion will take precedence over all other motions to be considered.

AMEND 42. Union Council or the Members' Meeting must rule out of order any motion which does not conform to the rules above.

AMEND 43. The motion must be displayed on the Union website for 10 working days prior to an emergency Union Council meeting or Members' Meeting.

AMEND 44. The motion must be passed by a 75% majority at the emergency Union Council meeting or Members' Meeting.

This is because:

Members meetings are more democratic than Council.