

Amendment to the Byelaws: Activities Change – Cover Sheet

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The proposed amendment replaces the current PT Activities Officer role, by elevating current Activities Network positions to official Union Officer roles. It is proposed that these take effect from 16 July 2017 and for the purposes for the forthcoming elections.

The main benefits are:

1. It will provide proper democratic representation to the clubs and societies they serve, as finding one PT officer who has the time / knowledge to cover all three is difficult.
2. The currently huge remit of the Activities Officer (representing over 11,000 individual students as of 29/11/16) is very large for a PT officer, and this will make the roles more manageable
3. Help rejuvenate the Activities Network, promoting inter-club/society initiatives
4. Proper elections for these officers means we will get better candidates for roles
5. The use of the names Arts/Sports/Societies as the officer role names will increase engagement, as people see much more obvious links to their time at UCLU
 - a. This will bring more people onto the elections pages, and increase engagement in other elections too
6. Provide better representation for the Clubs and Societies (the largest pocket of engagement within the entire of UCLU's activity) at Union Council.
7. Allow the AEO more freedom to focus on their role, assisting rather than running certain events.