



London Metropolitan University
Students' Union

Students Union EGM Paper

Modernising Our Governance 2019: *A Future Fit for Students*

Summary of amendments to Memorandum of Understanding + Articles of Association

- ⇒ 5-year Governance Review Cycle (Article 9.1, p8)
- ⇒ Change to percentages of student body for Referenda (13, p10)
- ⇒ Quorum of Student Meetings shall never fall below 0.5% of Student Membership (16.3, p11)
- ⇒ Speakers at Student Meetings approved by President (18.3, p11)
- ⇒ Details of 'Adjournment' moved to Bye-Laws (19.1, p11)
- ⇒ Details of 'Poll' moved to Bye-Laws (21, p12)
- ⇒ Sabbatical Officer representation on the new Board, in line with February's proposal (28.2, p15)
- ⇒ Appointment process for Student Trustees revised to maximise quantity, quality and diversity of applications (29, p16)
- ⇒ Clarifications that Alumni trustees must have experience (minimum of 3 years) outside of the institution in order to be eligible (30.4, p16)
- ⇒ Expansion of Link Governor appointment to include further information for our Board (31.4, p17)
- ⇒ Requirement for resigning trustees to stay in post should there be no more than 4 trustees in place at the time of resignation (32.6, p17)
- ⇒ Powers that the Trustee Board cannot defer to another body are set out clearly (38.2, p21)
- ⇒ The addition of a Student Experience committee (39.2, p23)
- ⇒ Amendments for conversion of Hub committees to School committees (41, p24)
- ⇒ Clarification that Sabbatical Officer terms are a maximum of 2x 1 year terms, whether consecutive or otherwise (41.12, p25)
- ⇒ Confirmation that, outside of the SU Chief Executive, others externals may be invited to speak, as decided by the Chair (48.4, p26)
- ⇒ Confirmation of Chair and Vice Chair roles, in line with February's Board meeting (50, p26)
- ⇒ Clarification of consistency in Chair having a casting vote on top of his or her original vote (51 & 53.6, p27)
- ⇒ Authority of Student Council now enshrined within Bye-Law 3,2 (55.1, p29)
- ⇒ The University has relinquished its right to approval over the Union's Bye-Laws (56.1, p30)
- ⇒ Student Council retains the power to alter the Bye-Laws, but only in agreement with the Board of Trustees (56.2, p30)
- ⇒ Simplification of Trustee Indemnification process (65, p33)

Summary of amendments to Byelaws

- ⇒ As above, Student Council retains the power to alter the Bye-Laws, but only in agreement with the Board of Trustees (Bye-Law 1, 5, p2)
- ⇒ Quorum changes to percentages of Student Membership (2, 12.1.3, p11)
- ⇒ Details regarding Company Law Meetings moved to Article 24 (2, 13, p11)
- ⇒ Details regarding Company Law Meetings moved to Article 25 (2, 14, p11)
- ⇒ Inclusion of Adjournments section from Articles (2, 15, p12)
- ⇒ Exec Committee members become full members of Student Council (3, 1.8, p14)
- ⇒ Verbal, minuted reports by Student Trustees, replacing written, 'for information' reports (3,2.1.16, p15)
- ⇒ Notice period for calling Student Council Meetings reduced from 10 to 7 days (3, 4.1, p15)
- ⇒ Excuses for absence expanded to mitigating circumstances, at the discretion of the Chair, from simply 'ill health' (3, 8.2, p18)
- ⇒ Revision of notice periods for Motions from 8 to 7 days and change of signature requirements to a percentage figure (3, 9, p18)
- ⇒ Procedural motions require 10 rather than 15 Council Members at Student Council to be put forwards (3, 11.2, p20)
- ⇒ Updated to Bye-Law 4 for conversion of Hub to School committees (4, p22)
- ⇒ Revision of Bye-Law 5 to remove bye-elections for Full-time officers and address their vacancies (5, p26)
- ⇒ Details regarding the Disqualification, Resignation and Removal of Trustees moved to Article 31 (5, 2, p27)
- ⇒ Details regarding the Removal of Trustees by Student Council moved to Article 32 (5, 3, p27)
- ⇒ Details regarding the Removal of Trustees by the Board moved to Article 33 (5, 4, p28)
- ⇒ Details regarding the Removal of Sabbatical Trustees moved to Article 34 (5, 5, p28)
- ⇒ Details regarding the Chair and Vice Chair roles moved to Article 49 (6, 3, p29)
- ⇒ Board Quorum brought in line with new Board make-up (6, 3.6, p30)
- ⇒ Excuses for absence expanded to mitigating circumstances, at the discretion of the Chair, from simply 'ill health' (6, 4.2, p30)
- ⇒ Introductory terms of reference of the Student Experience committee (7, 2.4, p32)
- ⇒ Societies Forum becomes key consultative body, as opposed to decision-maker, in liaison with staff and Sabbatical. Other figures rounded to nearest whole (8, 6, p35)