



Union Council Motion

Title of motion:

Motion to remove the Course Rep Leader position & standing order, and replace it with the position of Student-Chair of Student-Staff forums (SSFs) & an amendment to the Course Rep standing order.

What do you want to change?

Replace the Course Rep Leader role with the Student-Chair of SSFs.

Why do you want to change it?

During the last year, less than 20% of Course Rep Leader positions were filled across the University. This meant that the role was unable to do what it was primarily meant to do; chair SSFs.

We have also had a lot of confusion from staff & students about what the role of the Course Rep Leader was intended for. These included:

- Course Reps who wanted to chair SSFs but did not want to be Course Rep Leaders.
- Course Reps who thought that Course Rep Leaders were meant to dictate how they represented students and felt that it threatened their autonomy
- Clashes between students within Academic Units but on different programmes about who they wanted to be Course Rep Leader, as well as how fair the Course Rep Leader elections would be in cases where one programme had more student numbers than another.
- Since there were no Course Rep Leaders in many of the subject areas/Academic Units, staff sometimes ended up assuming the position of chairing SSF meetings.

Due to the reasons listed above it would be, the Course Rep Leader positions did not work as they were intended to, leading to problems & vacancies that affected how students were represented at programme & departmental/Academic Unit level.

What do you want Hull University Union to do?

It would be great if the motion to replace Course rep Leaders with Student-Chair of SSFs could be approved by council, alongside the amendment of the Course Rep standing order, as this would allow for us to be able to ensure that more SSFs are chaired by students

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