



# UNION COUNCIL MOTION

## Title of motion:

Update to Standing Order 2005 Societies Councils

## Hull University Students Union Notes:

Societies Councils are to be overhauled to fit with the work that I am doing with Academic Societies. The standing order was very significantly out of date, and almost all of the practices that were outlined in them have not happened since even I started being a [Society](#) President back in 2017

## Hull University Students Union Believes:

Standing Orders must be upheld to follow what we actually do, as they should be dictating how we operate. With my standing orders originally all being out of date I spent the summer updating some, and this is the last standing order to update.

It has been updated to reflect exactly how Societies Council does currently run, also to reflect how I want to split them to reflect upon the work with Academic Societies.

## Hull University Students Union Resolves:

Update this standing order with the updates that are included.

**Proposer:** Ellis Leonard (President of Activities)

**Seconder:** Sian Doherty (President of Sports)

# SO 2005

## STANDING ORDER GOVERNING SOCIETIES COUNCILS MEETINGS

### 1. Function

The Societies Councils Meeting shall be responsible for ensuring:

- a. Communication between Societies, and particularly ones with related interests
- b. The promotion of Societies within Hull University Union and Hull University;
- c. The monitoring of all Societies activities;
- ~~d. ensuring all Society Committee members have been elected in week 8 of Semester 2 in preparation for the next academic year;~~
- ~~e. electing the relevant members of the Societies Executive Committee, in accordance with the Hull University Union Articles and Bye Laws;~~
- f.d. Ensuring all new Society Committee members understand and have signed their constitutions, and completed relevant training to adhere to HUSU policies
- g.e. To look for co-option of any members who wish to be on Union Council, should either of the Society Representatives be unfilled at the Part Time Officer Elections.

There are to be two types of Society Council Meetings;

- a. Interest and Hobbies Societies Council
  - i. Co-Chaired by the Interest and Hobbies Societies Representative
- b. Academic Societies Council
  - i. Co-Chaired by the Academic Societies Representative

This is to ensure that there is a space ~~for~~ specifically for academic societies, and interest and hobbies societies ~~adhere to the submission of Society Articles, membership list and information sheet in week 2 of the following academic year;~~

### 2. Membership

The voting membership of the Societies Councils shall be:

- ~~a. The President of every recognised Union Society, the president of each society shall have one (1) vote;~~
- ~~b. Chair Societies (who shall be Chair and have casting vote only (In their absence SEC Secretary will act as deputy chair);~~

e.a.

The non-voting membership of Societies Council Meetings shall be:

a. President of Activities

a.b. Those members of the Societies Executive Committee as named in SO:2004

~~b.c.~~any other members as deemed necessary by the Societies Council  
~~or the chair~~

## MEETINGS

### 3. Calling a Meeting:

Meetings shall be called by the President of Activities ~~or Chair Societies~~ ~~or on their own initiative~~ or at the request of ~~Union Council~~, the Society Executive Committee or by five voting members;

### 4. Frequency of Meetings:

Society Council Meetings shall take place at least once ~~per semester~~ ~~month, the trimester.~~ Frequency is to be decided by the relevant Societies Council, Societies Newsletters will take the place of extra meetings monthly to distribute any additional information. ~~second meeting of the second semester shall be the Annual General Meeting.~~

### 5. Notice of a Meeting:

Five clear days in advance of the meeting the President of Activities shall promulgate the agenda and inform the committee members via their society emails. ~~or the Chair Societies shall promulgate the agenda on <https://hulluniunion.com/>.~~

### The Annual General Meeting:

~~Will be convened in week 8 of semester 2 and any other time deemed necessary.~~

### 6. Quorum:

The quorum of Societies' ~~General Meeting~~ Councils shall be 20% of voting members: For both Councils, Academic and Interest and Hobbies.

### 7. Minutes:

Shall be taken by the SEC Secretary or the Societies and Give It A Go Coordinator, in both Societies Councils. ~~in all of the Societies Council.~~

### 8. Fines:

The Societies' Executive Committee can choose to fine up to £10.00 from the Primary Account for consistent non-attendance of a Society to the Societies' Council Meeting (2 missed in a row without apologies)

## 9. Attendance at Meetings:

The A Society's President can be removed from office and unable to stand for re-election if they fail to twice send apologies, attend or send a representative to Societies Council.

### ~~• Presidents' Training:~~

~~Presidents' training is mandatory for Presidents to attend. Failure to do so will result in removal from office at the discretion of the President of Activities and the Chair Societies.~~

## ELECTION

- ~~• Each member of the Societies' Executive Committee, excluding the President of Activities, the Chair Societies shall be elected in the Societies Council in week 8 of Semester 2 and shall hold office from week one of the following academic year, or whenever a vacancy occurs, by Union Council. Any member of a society can stand.~~

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