



UNION COUNCIL MOTION

M.1819-1 Motion to make the election process for the Trans Representative union-wide

HUU Notes:

1. The Trans Representative sits on the LGBT+ committee run by the LGBT+ Co-officers to represent the trans community.
2. Currently the Trans Rep is elected in a meeting open to any trans students, similar to how the other LGBT+ committee members are elected in a meeting open to any LGBT+ students.
3. The position was created in the 2012-13 academic year to make sure trans people – who are often overlooked and erased in LGBT+ spaces – had a say on the LGBT+ committee.
4. In May 2017, motion M.1617-23 passed giving the Trans Rep a vote on union council and the Welfare and Community Zone.
5. On the Welfare and Community Zone the LGBT+ Co-officers, BAME Officer, Disabled Students' Officer, Women's Officer and Environment and Ethics Officer are all elected in the main union elections.

HUU Believes:

1. The Trans Rep now has a vote on union council and therefore represents the interests of every transgender student.
2. This is the same as how part-time student officers on the Welfare and Community Zone – LGBT+ Co-officers, Disabled Students' Officer, BAME Officer and Women's Officer – represent every student in their particular demographic.
3. Yet the Trans Rep is elected by whichever trans students are aware of the AGM and are able to attend – the current Trans Rep was elected on a mandate of 7 people excluding their own vote.
4. Every trans student should have the opportunity to vote; to do this the election process should be brought in line with the other elected part-time officer roles.

HUU Resolves:

1. Add the position of Trans Representative to the main union-wide elections.
2. The Trans Rep will be elected in the same online process as the other elected part-time officers.
3. As part of this process currently, the voting union member has to select what characteristics apply to them such as BAME, LGBT+, part-time student, etc. Add trans to this list and then the Trans Rep candidate(s) will only appear for the students who select that they are trans.



Proposer: Rayan Shipton (Trans Representative)

Seconder: Andrew Costigan (President of Welfare and Community),
Hayley Hatton (Trans Representative 2017-18),
Ralph Lending (LGBT+ Co-officer),
Caroline Studdart (LGBT+ Co-officer),
Alex Blight (LGBT+ Secretary)

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