



Union Council Motion

Title of motion:

Should accountability of Presidents be temporarily moved to Zone meetings as an interim measure until accountability panels work?

Context of motion:

- Currently we have only 4 Councillors of Scrutiny.
- The accountability panels require 5 Councillors of Scrutiny which means zone members will be required to step up and perform additional duties by attending accountability panels
- It is proving difficult to find a date for the accountability panel to be set with only 2 responses to given from the Councillors of Scrutiny to a request for availability (including a response from the Union Council Chair). A date, therefore, is unable to be set.
- Presidents are currently not being held to account at an accountability panel due to not being able to get them together, however, Presidents are producing the accountability reports and submitting them to UEC, these are then published on the HUU website.
- There needs to be a change to how accountability panels work in order for them to be successful and effective.

Proposed resolution:

It is proposed that Presidents submit their accountability reports to zone meetings as a temporary measure in order to ensure that they are held to account. Presidents are already expected to informally report at the zone meetings anyway, so this change would formalise this reporting to ensure complete transparency in what they are doing. The Presidents could then be held to account on their reports by all their zone members rather than currently missing out due to no accountability panels being set.

It is recommended that this is a temporary measure and that Council forms a group to work on resolving this issue of accountability panels and bring a proposal for resolution to the next Union Council meeting. This would ensure that Presidents are scrutinised and held to account whilst a solution is found.

Proposer: Isobel Hall, President of the Students' Union

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