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M.1516-19 Motion to change SO 8003 to allow for a more open debate at Union Council

HUU Notes:

1. That discussion at Union Council is currently held in the format:

Speech for (Proposer)

Questions

Speech against

Questions

Speech in abstention

Questions

Speech in summation

Vote

2. That this part of the Standing Order has not been updated since 2009.

HUU Believes:

1. That Union Council should allow for an open and free discussion that every member of Union Council can participate in.
2. That restricting the debate to one speech for, one speech against, and one speech in abstention does not give every member the opportunity to voice their opinion.
3. That questions relating to speeches are in reality often comments on the argument to make a point as there is no other opportunity to do so.
4. That the current provisions for limiting speeches to three minutes and procedural motions to move to an end of the debate/move to a vote are essential in ensuring a fair debate.

HUU Resolves:

1. To change the format of debate at Union Council to:

Proposer presents motions

Proposer takes questions on motion

Open debate

Vote

2. To amend SO 8003 as appended with immediate effect.
3. To provide training for the Chair and Deputy Chair of Union Council at the start of each academic year.

Proposer: Matt Evans

Seconder: Si Hernandez