

M.1718-3 Motion to change the recruitment process for School and Faculty Representatives

HUU notes:

1. That according to SO 3008 and SO 3009 Faculty and School reps are elected in the annual spring elections.
2. That there are currently four Faculty rep positions and 35 School rep positions for each subject group.
3. That in 2015/16 and 2016/17 all four Faculty rep positions were uncontested with some having no candidates leading to by-elections in the following autumn.
4. That in March 2017 only 6/32 School rep positions were elected with a further nine in the autumn by-elections leaving 17 positions vacant and open to co-option.
5. That voter turnout in 2017 varied from 1-50 votes for School reps and 50-113 votes for Faculty reps.
6. That other Students' Unions have moved to a model where the lead academic reps receive reimbursement for their duties, e.g. Cardiff Met SU, Teesside SU.
7. That HUU consulted students and reps on the proposed changes (Annex A).

HUU Believes:

1. That students are more likely to attend an interview for a position than run in an election.
2. That in order to increase engagement and make the process more accessible School reps should nominate themselves without having to go through a voting stage similar to course reps.
3. That Faculty reps should be interviewed based on their skills and offered monetary compensation for their duties.
4. That the title 'School rep' has caused confusion as reps are responsible for their subject group only and not for the entire School.

HUU Resolves:

1. That Union Council recommends the changes to the recruitment of Faculty representatives for approval to the Board of Trustee to come into effect for the academic year 2018/19.
2. That SO 3009 School Representatives is amended as appended with immediate effect in time for recruitment in spring 2018 and that the title of the role be changed to subject group representative.

Proposer: Salman Anwar (Education Officer)

Secunder: Osaro Otobo (President)

Annex A – Consultation results

a) Consultation with students on campus, Tuesday, 21 November

Do you agree with the proposed changes?

Yes: 110

No: 16



b) Twitter poll

Salman Anwar
@HUUEducation

The by-elections report recommended a few changes to academic representation:

1. School reps are recruited like course reps, eliminating voting
2. Faculty reps are interviewed and offered monetary compensation due to the time they give

Do you agree? Vote below and tweet me! ↓

73% Yes

27% No

22 votes • Final results

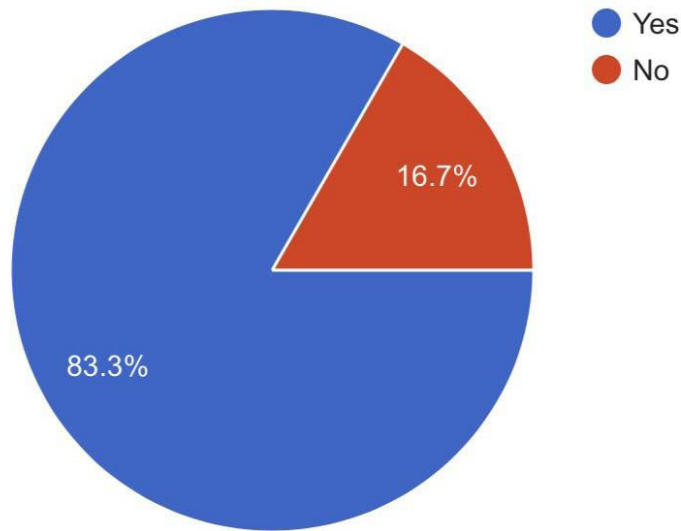
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c) Survey open to all course representatives

Do you agree with the School Rep recommendation?



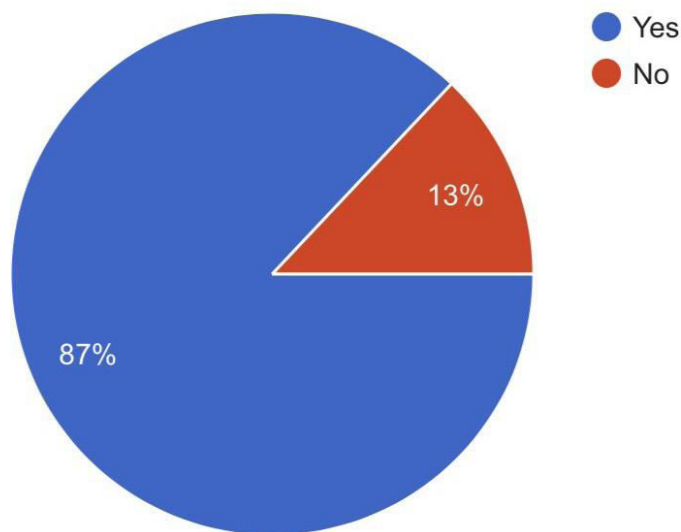
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Do you agree with the Faculty Rep recommendation?



54 responses



SO 3008

STANDING ORDER GOVERNING THE POST OF FACULTY REPRESENTATIVES

1. **Interpretation:** These Standing Orders shall be read in conjunction with the Constitution, Bye Laws and other relevant Standing Orders of Hull University Union and shall be interpreted accordingly.
2. **ElectionAppointment:** The representatives shall be selected in accordance with Hull University Union election regulations SO 8004 through an interview process in Semester 2, to take position in the following academic year. Candidates must be members of the Faculty for which they are applying candidate. Faculty representatives shall receive monetary compensation for their duties. ~~for election~~ will be:
 - a. The Faculty of Arts, Cultures & Education Faculty Representative.
 - b. The Faculty of Science and Engineering Faculty Representative.
 - c. The Faculty of Business, Law & Politics Faculty Representative.
 - d. The Faculty of Health Sciences Faculty Representative.
3. **Duties:** The Faculty Representatives shall carry out such duties and fulfil such obligations as arise consequent upon being ~~elected into~~ appointed to the post. In particular:
 - a. Attend training events;
 - b. Co-ordinate the work of ~~Subject groupeeol~~ Representatives within their Faculty so that representation is on behalf of and in support of the student body;
 - c. Regular liaison with the Education Zone;
 - d. Attending Course Rep Forum and Education Zone meetings;
 - e. Will hold forums with ~~Subject groupeeol~~ Representatives on a regular basis in advance of Education Zone meetings for the purpose of consultation with the student body within their area on issues of academic change;
 - f. Campaigning on educational issues;
 - g. Attend their own subject area Student Staff Forum (SSF).
4. **Internal:** The Faculty Representatives shall be responsible for the following:

- a. A non-voting member of Course Rep Forum.
 - b. A non-voting member of Union Council.
 - b. Actively support the promotion of ~~election~~-recruitment of Course Reps and Subject Group reps in programmes within their area, with the support of the Education Officer and the Education Co-ordinator.
 - c. Any other committees, groups or responsibilities deemed necessary for the position.
5. **External** The Faculty Representatives shall represent Hull University Union to the University and be a ~~voting~~ member on the following University committees:
- a. University Senate (2 places only).
 - b. Relevant Faculty Board.
 - c. Faculty Education and Student Experience Committees.
 - d. Any other Committees deemed necessary.

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SO 3009

STANDING ORDER GOVERNING THE POST OF SUBJECT GROUP~~SCHOOL~~ REPRESENTATIVES

1. **Interpretation** These Standing Orders shall be read in conjunction with the Constitution, Bye Laws and other relevant Standing Orders of Hull University Union and shall be interpreted accordingly.
2. **~~Election~~—Appointment** The representatives shall be ~~appointed~~~~delected~~, ~~in accordance with Hull University Union election regulations SO 8001~~ in semester ~~24~~ to take office the following academic year by signing up on hullstudent.com. Candidates wishing to stand for a position must be full members of Hull University Union and can only stand for their respective subject group. Should there be more than one candidate per position, the candidates may decide to share the role or the Returning Officer may hold an election.
3. **Duties** The representatives shall carry out such duties and fulfil such obligations as arise consequent upon ~~taking up their being elected into~~ post. In particular:
 - (a) Act as ~~the Chair of their respective~~ Student Staff Forum ~~Representative~~ and liaise with other representatives, on behalf of and in support of the wider student body.
 - (b) Liaison with the Education Officer and Faculty Representatives;
 - (c) Attend Course Rep Forum;
 - (d) Consult with the student body within their ~~school~~ subject group on issues of academic change;
 - (e) Gather information from Course Representatives and meet with them on a regular basis;
 - (f) Represent students within their subject group ~~School~~ to University staff;
 - (g) Feedback information gathered from committee meetings to Student Staff Forums;
 - (h) Campaign on educational issues.
4. **Internal** The Student Representatives at subject group ~~School~~ level shall be responsible for the following:

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- (a) A voting member of:
 - (1) Course Rep Forum
- (b) Actively support the ~~recruitment~~~~election~~ of Course Representatives in programmes within their area according to Standing Order 3011.

5. **External** The Student Representatives at ~~subject group~~~~School~~ level shall represent Hull University Union to the University and be a voting member on either of the following University committees/ groups:

- ~~(a)~~ ~~(a)~~ School Learning & Teaching Committee;
- ~~(b)~~ Programme Board of Study;
- (b) Any other committees, groups or responsibilities deemed necessary for the position.

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