

HULL UNIVERSITY
UNION

M.1516-20 Motion to amend SO 5005 to introduce the position of LGBT+ Co-Officer

HUU Notes:

1. Since June 2015, LGBT+ has been functioning under a Co-Chair system.
2. This means that there are two people to equally split the role of LGBT+ Officer, including duties such as having office hours to support LGBT+ members and attending HUU meetings. It also means there is a larger opportunity to contact an LGBT+ Officer with any issues a member would like to raise about the LGBT+ liberation group.
3. The addition of another Officer this year has allowed for a wider range of personal understanding about how issues affect people across the LGBT+ spectrum. However, we require an update to our standing order to permanently have two LGBT+ officers.

HUU Believes:

1. When there is no option to have multiple officers, parts of the LGBT+ community can feel underrepresented on Union Council. With two officers, this allows us to discuss how issues affect all LGBT+ members using differing personal experiences, knowledge, and understanding of what it means to be LGBT+. We are not asking to change the number of votes that the LGBT+ welfare group gets, but instead to be more representative of our members.
2. Having two Officer roles changes the dynamic within the LGBT+ liberation group by increasing the opportunity to contact an Officer when needed and have a quick reply, as there will almost always be someone that you can turn to. Plus if you need to take an issue to the union but would feel more comfortable talking to someone who understands your specific circumstances, there is an option of two Officers to help represent you.
3. Not only that, but the addition of a second Officer over the past year has allowed for a much more cohesive executive as everyone has felt their views to be represented by the Co-Chairs, and the personal knowledge that both Co-Chairs have brought to the executive has been invaluable in helping deal with issues raised by the members of LGBT+ about the internal running of the liberation group.

HUU Resolves:

1. To add the position of a second LGBT+ Officer and amend the Standing Order as appended.

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