

M.1617-12 Motion to remove the position of Campaigns & Democracy Officer (SO 1005)

HUU Notes:

1. That the main duties of the Campaigns & Democracy Officer as detailed in the Standing Order include: ensuring democratic processes are followed correctly; running campaigns; supporting the Student Officer Team with their priority campaigns; ensuring elections and referenda are advertised; having a thorough knowledge of HUU's governance documents and ensuring they are kept up to date.
2. That the position of Campaigns & Democracy Officer was uncontested in the elections of 2014 and 2016.
3. That the current and previous office holder have noted the redundancy of the role and proposed other means of incorporating the objectives of the role.
4. That the permanent staff position of Democracy & Governance Co-ordinator was created and has been filled since January 2016.
5. That a fund for [student-led campaigns](#) was introduced at the start of the academic year 2016/17 that is open to all students to apply.
6. That a ["Your Idea" scheme](#) has been introduced at the start of the second semester in February 2017 through which any student can submit ideas or suggestions for campaigns to Hull University Union.
7. That Student Officers receive adequate support by permanent members of staff if they are running a campaign.

HUU Believes:

1. That the tasks outlined in SO 1005 have been absorbed by the role of the Democracy & Governance Co-ordinator.
2. That the role of the Campaigns & Democracy Officer does not have a representative function and therefore no specific constituency, rather its role was intended to facilitate and support.
3. That engaging students with HUU's democratic processes and encouraging students to run campaigns should be at the core of every full-time and part-time Officer role and not be limited to one part-time Officer in particular.
4. That the newly established campaigns fund and Your Idea scheme provide an excellent opportunity to increase outreach to the wider student body and to

demonstrate that students do not have to be elected to make change. Both should be promoted by all elected Officers.

HUU Resolves:

1. That SO 1005 (Campaigns & Democracy Officer) is removed with effect from the Academic Year 2017/18. This means that the position will not be included in the 2017 March elections.
2. That SO 1002 (Governance Zone) is appended as amended with effect from the Academic Year 2017/18.
3. That the current Student Officers and any Officer teams thereafter actively promote the student campaigns fund and Your Idea scheme to the wider student body to increase engagement.

Proposer: Edward Towers (Campaigns & Democracy Officer)

Second: Si Hernandez (VP Scarborough)

SO: 1002

STANDING ORDER GOVERNING THE GOVERNANCE ZONE

1. Interpretation

These Standing Orders shall be read in conjunction with the Constitution, Bye Laws and the relevant Standing Orders of Hull University Union (hereafter collectively referred to as the Regulations) and shall be interpreted accordingly. In these Standing Orders:

- (a) “the Zone” means the Governance Zone;
- (b) “HUU” means Hull University Union;
- (c) “Council” means HUU Council;
- (d) “clear days” excludes University holidays; Bank Holidays; Saturdays and Sundays.

2. Function

The primary function of the Zone is to act as the recognised means of communication and liaison between all areas of HUU. In particular, the Zone shall:

- (a) Provide support for the President in co-ordinating campaigns and issues of mutual concern.
- (b) Provide scrutiny of the role of the President and hold the President’s actions to account.
- (c) Scrutinise motions brought forward for approval by referenda checking for grammar; ensuring that they meet the objects of the Charity; are legal; and any financial costs can be met out of that year’s approved budget.
- ~~(d) Work with the Campaigns and Democracy Officer to ensure all elections and referenda are run in accordance with regulations.~~

3. Membership

Voting membership of the Zone shall be:

- ~~(1) Campaigns and Democracy Officer;~~
- ~~(2)~~(1) Chair, Union Council;
- ~~(3)~~(2) Chair, Welfare & Community Zone;
- ~~(4)~~(3) Chair, Education Zone;
- ~~(5)~~(4) Chair, Sport Zone;
- ~~(6)~~(5) Chair, Activities Zone;
- ~~(7)~~(6) Two Councillors for Scrutiny;
- ~~(8)~~(7) Environment & Ethics Officer.

Non-voting membership of the Zone shall be:

- (1) The President.

Ex-Officio members:

- (1) Governance & Democracy Co-ordinator;
- (2) Such others that the Zone may deem appropriate.

GENERAL PROCEDURE

4. Chair

The Chair of the Zone shall be elected in accordance with the bye-laws and is responsible for keeping a register of attendance; following and approving the Zone meeting agenda as laid out in S.O. 1002 annex A, which is to be circulated 3 clear days in advance; keeping order within the meeting and ensuring points to action are met. The Chair may call an emergency meeting of the Zone. The Chair may request an emergency meeting of Council, which shall occur at the discretion of the Chair of Council.

5. Councillors for Scrutiny

The Councillors for Scrutiny are to:

- i. Ensure that all members of the Zone are following their strategy objectives;
- ii. Ensure that all areas of the Zone are within budget;
- iii. Assist if required in tasks and projects the Zone is undertaking.

6. Meetings

Meetings of the Zone shall take place in weeks three; five; seven; nine and eleven. The day and time of these meetings shall be agreed by the membership following the first Council of each semester.

7. Quorum

The quorate of such meetings shall be fifty percent plus one of the voting membership plus the Chair.

8. Minutes

The minutes shall be taken by the Secretary to the Zone, who shall be elected from the voting membership at the first meeting of the committee in each academic year. These shall be handed in to Main Reception no later than 4 clear days following a Zone meeting. The minutes shall record points to action for the Zone members and shall be brought to the attention of Council by the President, in the form of a report under the Governance Zone section of the Council agenda.

9. Voting

All votes shall require a greater than fifty percent majority to pass. All votes shall be public except those on motions of caution, censure and no confidence which shall be conducted by secret ballot, counted by the secretary and checked by the Chair.

10. Powers

The Zone shall be able to:

- (1) Pass a motion of caution against the President as detailed in the Bye-Laws.
- (2) Bring motions of censure and no confidence as detailed in the Bye-Laws against the President to Council.

- (3) Pass a motion of caution, censure or no confidence against other Zone members. Motions of no confidence are to be ratified by Council and if successful the member is removed from the Zone committee.
- (4) Submit questions in writing to the trustees of HUU to be asked by the President.
- (5) Submit questions to an officer at Council.
- (6) Propose a motion of caution against an Officer to Council.
- (7) Reject motions brought forward by the membership to go to referenda on the grounds that they would place HUU in financial or legal jeopardy. Rejected motions will then be eligible to be resubmitted after amendment by the proposer.
- (8) The Chair Steering will provide support and training for those members wishing to write motions to bring them to referenda.

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Annex A:

Governance Zone Meeting Agenda

Passed at UEC: 7/12/10

Passed at Union Council: 13/12/10

Updated: OT/CC

Passed UEC: 6 April 2016

Passed UC: 11 April 2016

GOVERNANCE ZONE MEETING AGENDA

1) ATTENDANCE

1. Apologies.
2. Register.

2) MINUTES

1. Minutes of the previous meeting.
2. Matters arising.
3. Previous points to action – results.

3) REPORTS

1. Report by President.
Questions.

~~2. Report by Campaigns and Democracy Officer.
Questions.~~

~~3.2. Report by Chair, Council.
Questions.~~

~~4.3. Report by Chair, Welfare & Community.
Questions.~~

~~5.4. Report by Chair, Education.
Questions.~~

~~6.5. Report by Chair, Sport.
Questions.~~

~~7.6. Report by Chair, Activities.
Questions.~~

~~8.7. Reports by Councillors for Scrutiny.
Questions.~~

~~9.8. Report by Environment and Ethics Officer
Questions.~~

4) PROPOSALS

Any proposals for action.

5) MOTIONS

1. Motions of caution/ censure/ no confidence.
2. Questions to trustees.
3. Questions for Council.

6) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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