

M.1617-22 Motion to amend SO 4002 Sports Zone**HUU Notes:**

1. That SO 4002 outlines the purpose, roles and responsibilities of the Sports Zone.
2. That the positions on the AU Executive are currently elected in accordance with SO 8001 governing Elections.
3. That all AU Executive positions were uncontested in the 2016 election.
4. That only one AU Executive position was filled during the 2017 election.
5. That Hull University Union is not organising Tour any more as of the academic year 2016/17.
6. That HUU is committed to providing students with the opportunity to develop and gain new skills during their time at the University of Hull.
7. That for the first time, student staff were employed by the Student Voice & Opportunities Team successfully supporting permanent staff with administrative tasks, engagement activities and events.
8. That all of the proposed changes of this motion were passed by a majority of AU Presidents at the last AU Council on Tuesday, 25 April 2017.¹
9. That other Students' Unions with large Athletic Unions employ student staff to carry out the tasks of the AU Executive, e.g. Durham.

HUU Believes:

1. That the roles of the AU Executive are not representative but administrative and support the VP Sport and the Sports & Societies Co-ordinator with the organisation of events and other tasks throughout the year.

¹ Voting record: 1) Selection vs election 30:4; 2) Paid student staff vs volunteer 27:7; 3) Broad vs specific roles 24:10.

2. That for the AU Executive positions to be effective they should be recruited based on skills, knowledge and experience.
3. That a selection process will be more attractive and less intimidating to applicants compared to the current elections process.
4. That the VP Sport and the Sports & Societies Co-ordinator do not have the capacity to take on additional tasks in the absence of the AU Executive.
5. That the tasks carried out by the AU Executive this year are vital to the functioning of the AU and should therefore not depend on elected representatives but be carried out by student staff.
6. That the role of Tour Officer has become redundant given the changes in process.
7. That two new elected positions should be created to ensure representation of the AU on Union Council mirroring those for Societies: AU Presidents' Rep and AU Members' Rep.

HUU Resolves:

1. That the current AU Executive positions will be replaced with student staff carrying out the duties and tasks previously carried out by the Exec members.
2. That the current AU Executive will support this process by drafting a list of duties and responsibilities that are essential for the functioning of the AU.
3. That the positions of AU Presidents' Rep and AU Members' Rep are created and elected at the first AU Council. That these positions will receive voting rights on Union Council to ensure AU representation is maintained.
4. That SO 4002 is amended as appended with immediate effect.
5. That this new structure will be reviewed at the end of semester 1 and semester 2 of the academic year 2017/18 by the Vice-President Sport in liaison with staff to ensure the effective running of the AU is maintained.

Proposer: Matthew Bramall (VP Sport)

Seconded: Caitlin O'Neill (VP Sport-elect), Millie Rowbotham, Kim Houghton, Laura Webb, Declan Whiting, Jags Sanghera (AU Executive)

SO 4002

STANDING ORDER GOVERNING THE SPORT 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 Sport Zone;
- b. "HUU" means Hull University Union;
- c. "Council" means HUU Council;
- d. "clear days" excludes University holidays; Bank Holidays; Saturdays and Sundays;
- e. "AU" mean Hull University Union Athletic Union.

2. **Function**

The primary function of the Zone is to organise and develop sport within HUU. The secondary functions of the Zone are to provide scrutiny and hold to account the Sports Officer.

All Zone members are members of Council; if a member resigns or is removed from either Council or their Zone position, then they cease to hold both of these roles.

3. **Membership**

Voting membership of the Zone shall be:

- (1) Sports Officer;
- (2) AU Presidents' Representative;
- (3) AU Members' Representative;
- (4) Two Councillors for Scrutiny.

Ex-Officio members:

- (1) Sports & Societies Co-ordinator;
- (2) AU student staff;
- (3) Such others that the Zone may deem appropriate.

4. **Duties of the membership**

All roles will help the Sports Officer and the Sports & Societies Co-ordinator when necessary.

(1) Sports Officer

i. The duties of the Sports Officer are detailed in SO 4001.

(2) AU Presidents' Representative

i. To represent the view of AU Presidents at zone meetings and at Union Council.

ii. To be a full voting member of Union Council.

iii. To be a full voting member of the Governance Zone.

iv. To support the Sports Officer in the organisation and running of AU Council.

(3) AU Members' Representative

i. To represent the view of AU members at zone meetings and at Union Council.

ii. To be a full voting member of Union Council.

iii. To support the Sports Officer in the organisation and running of AU Council.

(4) Two Councillors for Scrutiny

i. To scrutinise the performance of zone members and the Sports Officer in line with their objectives.

ii. To scrutinise the zone budget.

iii. To be a full voting member of Union Council.

iv. To support the zone with any campaigns or activities.

5. Election process

The AU Presidents' Representative and the AU Members' Representative shall be elected at the first AU Council of the academic year.

The Sports Officer and the Councillors for Scrutiny shall be elected in line with SO 8001 governing Elections.

6. Chair

The Chair shall be elected in the first zone meeting. They are responsible for keeping a register of attendance; drafting a Zone meeting agenda, which is to be circulated three 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.

7. 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.

8. Quorum

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

9. Minutes

The minutes shall be taken by the Secretary to the Zone elected at the first zone meeting. These shall be submitted to the Democracy & Governance Co-ordinator no later than four 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 Chair, in the form of a report under the Sport Zone section of the Council agenda.

10. 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.

11. Powers

The Zone shall be able to:

- (1) Pass a motion of caution against the Sports Officer as detailed in the Bye Laws.
- (2) Bring motions of censure and no confidence as detailed in the Bye Laws against the Sports Officer 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 Sports Officer.
- (5) Submit questions to an officer at council.
- (6) Propose a motion of caution against an officer to council.

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