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M.1617-23 Motion to give the Trans Representative on the LGBT+ Committee a vote on Union Council and on the Welfare and Community Zone

HUU Notes:

1. That we currently have two LGBT+ Officers who sit on Union Council with a shared vote.
2. That we also have a Trans Representative on the LGBT+ committee.
3. That many members of the trans community at the Union have brought up with the LGBT+ Officers and LGBT+ committee that they would like the Trans Representative to have a vote on Union Council and on the Welfare and Community Zone.

HUU Believes:

1. That the LGBT+ Officers may not always be trans and in everyday society trans issues are often overlooked and not seen as important and even within the LGBT+ community the 'T' part is often overlooked.
2. That there are trans specific issues which are separate to issues faced by cis LGB+ people.
3. That whilst we could have it so one of the LGBT+ Officers was trans, it is felt that this would negate the role of Trans Representative. The Trans Representative deals exclusively with the issues faced by the trans community whilst the LGBT+ Officers role is to represent all of LGBT+ including the 'T' part. By combining the roles, the LGBT+ Officers even if one was trans would have to look at all of LGBT+ and not just the issues faced by the Trans community and so there is the possibility that the trans issues would be overlooked.
4. That due to this many within the trans community at the Union would like the Trans Representative to have a vote on Union Council and on the Welfare and Community Zone.

HUU Resolves:

1. That the Trans Representative on the LGBT+ Committee shall be given a vote on Union Council and on the Welfare and Community Zone as appended.
2. That this does not affect the operation of the LGBT+ committee of which the Trans representative is a member and which is led by the LGBT+ Officers.

Proposer: Connor Massey (LGBT+ Officer/LGBT+ Co-Officer Elect)

Seconders: George Bainbridge (VP Welfare and Community), Jennie Watts (VP Welfare and Community Elect), Alexia Rose Auger (LGBT+ Co-Officer Elect), Hayley Hatton (LGBT+ Trans Representative/ Trans Representative Elect), Adam Rickman (LGBT+ Campaigns Officer), Kate Collier (LGBT+ Secretary), Amy Simpson (LGBT+ Treasurer), Astrid MacKay (LGBT+ Publicist), Billie-Jo Boyd (LGBT+ Social Secretary), Molly Holbrook (LGBT+ Equality and Inclusivity Officer/LGBT+ Social Secretary Elect), Emma Magurie (LGBT+ Secretary Elect), Laurence Johnston (LGBT+ Treasurer Elect), Olivia Rose Houghton (LGBT+ Campaigns Officer Elect), Lana Crosby (LGBT+ Publicist Elect), Rayan Shipton (LGBT+ Equality and Inclusivity Officer Elect), Ellie Gillies, Elliott James Davies, Josh Allen, Zahra Wais, Rose Whitelaw, Jess Clunan, Rosie Russel, Rayne Goddard, Frankie Studdart, Jessica Hooley, Cameron Clark, Will Willshere, Maarten Jackson, Jonathan Rees, Holly Burton

SO 5005

STANDING ORDER GOVERNING **THE LGBT+ COMMITTEE**

1. Definition

The LGBT+ Committee is a standing committee as defined in SO 8008 and will be subject to these regulations unless otherwise stated in SO 5005. The Committee is responsible to the Welfare & Community Zone and VP Welfare & Community.

2. Aims

The LGBT+ Committee will:

- (a) provide a safe and supportive community for LGBT+ students, those questioning their sexuality and those who identify as non-heteronormative at the University of Hull;
- (b) offer support and advice to LGBT+ individuals and respect the person's confidentiality unless there is a perceived risk to themselves or others;
- (c) represent the views of LGBT+ members of HUU to HUU and the University;
- (d) ensure HUU's Equal Opportunity and Zero Tolerance policies are fair to LGBT+ members;
- (e) organise campaigns to increase awareness of LGBT+ issues within HUU and the University;
- (f) promote links with other similar groups and organisations, within the local community, regional area and nationally;
- (g) raise funds to support these aims.

3. LGBT+ Officers

There shall be two LGBT+ Officers sharing the responsibilities detailed below as well as the voting right on Union Council. The LGBT+ Officers shall be elected once per academic year, in accordance with S.O. 8001. The LGBT+ Officers shall have responsibility for both the Executive and the Committee. The LGBT+ Officers are members of the Welfare & Community Zone.

4. Membership

The LGBT+ Committee has two types of membership:

(a) Full Membership:

Full membership is open to all LGBT+ self defining, those who are questioning their sexuality and those who have an interest in LGBT+ and are full members of HUU as defined in the Byelaws.

(b) Associate Membership:

Associate membership is open to all LGBT+ self defining, those who are questioning their sexuality and those who have an interest in LGBT+ who are associate members of HUU as defined in the Byelaws.

5. Elections

The LGBT+ Officers and members of the Committee shall be elected in semester two in accordance with S.O. 8001 and shall hold their positions for the next academic year. Vacancies are to be elected in accordance with S.O 8008. If a member is elected through an emergency election during the academic year to fill a vacant post then they shall hold the position until the end of that academic year.

6. Executive Committee

In addition to the LGBT+ Officers there shall be an Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall be active in the promotion of LGBT+ rights; in HUU, nationally and globally in accordance with HUU's charitable objects. The Executive shall be responsible for the organisation, direction and performance of the Committee in fulfilling its strategy. The Executive shall be responsible for monitoring and updating its long term strategy.

The voting membership of the Executive shall be:

(a) **LGBT + Officers**

(b) **Secretary:**

The Secretary shall assist the LGBT+ Officers in the administration and organisation of the Committee. The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the membership list of the Committee; ensuring the Committee meets all relevant dates detailed in the Regulations; preparing and circulating publicity prior to meetings and taking minutes.

(c) **Treasurer:**

The Treasurer shall be responsible for monitoring the Committee's Primary and Secondary accounts and ensuring they are not overspent. Responsibilities shall include budgeting; monitoring expenditure and signing claim forms.

(d) **Campaigns Officer:**

The Campaigns officer shall assist the committee in the running of its awareness campaigns and ensuring they are suitable for the entire membership.

(e) **Publicity Officer:**

The Publicity Officer shall be responsible for assisting the Campaigns Officer and Social Secretary in advertising and promoting campaigns and social events.

(f) **Social Secretary:**

The Social Secretary shall be responsible for ensuring that the committee engages its membership in social activities.

(g) Trans* Representative

The Trans* Representative shall be the person responsible for those students who want help, advice or information related to trans* issues. The Trans* Representative may not necessarily define as trans* but should be secure in their knowledge of both the trans* spectrum and issues faced by trans* individuals. They should be as accessible as possible and have regular office hours. The Trans* Representative is a member of Union Council and the Welfare & Community Zone with full voting rights.

(f) Equality & Diversity Officer

The Equality & Diversity Officer shall be responsible for liaising with LGBT+ members about any concerns arising and relaying those back to the committee. The Equality & Diversity Officer shall also liaise with other welfare groups, provide additional support to members and ensure that all LGBT+ events are accessible.

7. Meetings

Meetings of the Committee shall take place at least bi-weekly, and meetings of the Executive on a weekly basis.

8. Quorum

The quorate of such meetings shall be three of the voting membership plus the Chair.

9. Minutes

The minutes shall be taken by the Secretary.

10. Voting

All votes shall require a two thirds 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 Executive shall be able to:

- (a) Pass a motion of caution against the LGBT+ Officers as detailed in S.O. 8008;
- (b) Bring motions of censure and no confidence as detailed in S.O. 8008 against the LGBT+ Officers to Council;
- (c) Pass a motion of caution, censure or no confidence against other Executive or Committee members as detailed in S.O. 8008. Motions of no confidence are to be ratified by Council and if successful the member is removed from the Executive;
- (d) Submit questions in writing to the trustees of HUU to be asked by the Vice President Welfare & Community.

12. Budget

Vice President Welfare & Community is the budget head for the Committee in accordance with S.O 5001 and shall ultimately control expenditure. The Vice President Welfare & Community may request the Treasurer attend Welfare & Community Zone and/or Council to report on the financial performance of the Committee.

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