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M.1516-22 Motion to change SO 3008, 3009 and 3011 (Changes to the Roles of Faculty, School and Course Representatives)

HUU Notes:

1. On Thursday 14th April 2016 the University Council approved a new 'Shape' of the University.
2. This sees a move to four faculties in 2017/18, with a transition year of 2016/17 where there will be five faculties and fourteen schools/departments.
3. Departments will be phased out in a new model for 2017/18 with eleven schools in the four new faculties.
4. Students have been consulted all the way through this with HUU and have altered the direction of travel from that which was originally proposed.
5. The Standing Orders governing Faculty, School and Course level student representatives were last updated in 2011.
6. Course Rep elections have always happened via a paper-based system involving a high level of administration for departments and faculties.
7. HUU currently has little to no oversight of the course rep elections, and does not get a full picture of how many course reps there are until the beginning of semester 2.
8. The way department representatives are currently elected is highly inconsistent, and is reliant on having a highly engaged member of administration staff in the department.
9. Currently representatives at the faculty level are called "Faculty Co-ordinators".

HUU Believes:

1. That a lot has changed both within HUU and with the University between 2011 and now.
2. That in order to give a better, more consistent experience to all of our members, course rep elections should be run and administered online by HUU.
3. That in order to accurately align with the changes in the University, HUU needs to alter the role titles of the Faculty reps to represent the new names of faculties.
4. That Faculty Co-ordinators do not currently co-ordinate anything, or if they do it is highly informal and not well supported by either the University or HUU. These students were elected to be representative of the students in their faculty.
5. That in order to have more effective representatives at more than just the course and faculty levels, changes to the way we recruit/elect, train and support school reps need to be made.
6. That in order to continue to enhance the student experience, the inconsistent manner in which department reps are selected/elected by academic areas in the University should be eliminated, for favour of using the HUU online elections system.

7. That as departments will be changing into schools from this year onwards, HUU should align with the alterations and change the title of the department rep role to be that of "School Rep".

HUU Resolves:

1. To change the Standing Orders 3008, 3009 and 3011 as appended.
2. To mandate the Vice-President Education to work with the University to amend any University Codes of Practice and Regulations as necessary to reflect these changes.
3. To mandate the Vice-President Education to continue working with the University on promoting and publicising changes in light of the University's new shape.

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