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M.1516-23 Motion to amend Standing Orders SO 2003, 2004, 2005, 2011 regarding Societies, Societies Executive Committee, Societies Council, and Chair Societies

HUU Notes:

- 1. All of the Standing Orders relating to societies (2003, 2003 annex, 2004, 2005, 2011) have not been updated in a long time and as a result are vastly out of date.
- 2. The Chair SEC and the majority of the SEC have also agreed to a change to the Standing Orders relating to Societies Council, namely the introduction of three new representatives who would sit on Union Council in order to represent more of our 114 societies. These representatives would be the SEC Secretary, the SEC Welfare Officer and one elected society representative.

HUU Believes:

- 1. As it stands the only societies representative on Union Council is the Chair SEC, which means that one person is representing thousands of students without perhaps being completely aware of what all societies want and need. The reason for adding two more members of the SEC onto Union Council is that arguably the SEC are the people who understand societies' wants and needs more than anyone else as they work with them on a daily basis.
- 2. Furthermore, it has always been in the Societies Standing Order that a society representative should be elected to sit on Union Council but this is something that has been neglected in recent years. This elected representative would most likely be a Society President who sees society problems first hand. There is quite simply too many people with a wide range of problems for one person to effectively represent by themselves.

HUU Resolves:

1. Standing Order changes as appended should be approved in order to firstly bring these up to date but also to help Union Council be more representative. The Chair SEC and the VP Activities would be responsible for ensuring that the representative is elected in week 2 of semester 1 at the first Societies Council.

Proposer: Amy Jackson (Chair SEC)

Seconders: Kathy Brook (VP Activities), Gabby Calvert (Secretary, SEC), Emily Settle (Communications Officer, SEC), Josie Findley (Recreational Societies Rep, SEC), Stuart Negus (Academic Societies Rep, SEC), Celine Henry (Faith and Cultural Societies Rep, SEC), Chris Knott (Finance Officer, SEC)