

M.1516-14 Motion to add two Councillors of Scrutiny to the Governance Zone

HUU Notes:

1. At the moment the Governance Zone consists of: President, Campaigns and Democracy Officer, Environment and Ethics Officer, and Chairs of: Union Council, Welfare & Community Zone, Education Zone, AU Zone and Activities Zone.
2. There are two positions for Councillors of Scrutiny to sit on the Activities, Education, AU and Welfare & Community Zones.
3. The roles of the Councillors are to ensure that the Sabbatical Officers follow their strategy objectives and zone budgets, to scrutinise members, and to assist with campaigns that the zones undertake.
4. Standing Order 1002 does not include positions for two Councillors of Scrutiny for the Governance Zone.

HUU Believes:

1. The Governance Zone is currently not being scrutinised at a student level, therefore failing to provide accountability to students as the President and members, as well as the budget of the Governance Zone are not being reviewed by an elected student representative, as is the case in all other zones.
2. The role of Councillor of Scrutiny provides a vital contribution to all other zones as they not only scrutinise the Sabbatical Officer and members of the zone, but they also scrutinise the zone's budget and help with running campaigns as they do not run personal campaigns within their allocated zone.

HUU Resolves:

1. To amend standing order SO 1002 as detailed in Appendix A by adding two Councillors of Scrutiny to the Governance Zone.
2. That the addition of two Councillors will provide accountability to all members of HUU as all budgets and members of each zone of HUU will be scrutinised at a student level to ensure the interests of students are upheld. In addition, the Councillors will provide vital assistance to the Governance Zone with the running of campaigns.

Proposer: Oliver Taylor, Councillor for Scrutiny (Activities Zone)

Seconder: Charlotte Constable, Councillor for Scrutiny (Education Zone)

SO: 1002

STANDING ORDERS 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) Chair, Union Council;
- (3) Chair, Welfare & Community Zone;
- (4) Chair, Education Zone;
- (5) Chair, Sport Zone;
- (6) Chair, Activities Zone;
- (7) Two Councillors for Scrutiny;
- (8) 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. Report by Chair, Council.
Questions.
4. Report by Chair, Welfare & Community.
Questions.
5. Report by Chair, Education.
Questions.
6. Report by Chair, Sport.
Questions.

7. Report by Chair, Activities.
Questions.

8. Reports by Councillors for Scrutiny.
Questions.

9. 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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