

Title of motion: Removal of Advice Centre Chair and Committee.

HUU notes

At present, the roles under the welfare zone consist of – Chair BAME, Chair LINKS, Chair Women’s Committee, Chair Disabled Students Committee, and Chair Advice Centre, all of which are soon to be changed to ‘Officer’. The role of Chair Advice Centre – as part of the Advice Centre Volunteer Committee (SO:5003) shall ‘have responsibility for the Committee and is a member of the Welfare and Community Zone’. The current Chair of the Advice Centre Committee has resigned due to conflicts of interest, so currently the position is vacant, and would be elected in the by-elections. Under the Chair Advice Centre there is Publicity Officer, Internal Communications Officer, Social Secretary, Fundraising Officer and Training Officer. These positions are all vacant, and would be filled at the by-elections.

HUU Believes

At present there is no one on the Advice Centre Volunteer Committee. There should be a Publicity Officer, Internal Communications Officer, Social Secretary, Fundraising Officer, and Training Officer. These positions are not looking to be filled as – in accordance to SO:8008 ‘only trained volunteers (as judged by the Advice Centre Volunteer Coordinator) may stand for election, and only trained volunteers (as judged by the Advice Centre Volunteer Coordinator) may vote. As we have no volunteers currently from previous years – there is no one eligible to run, or vote. These positions should therefore be dissolved. As none of these positions are filled, the role of Advice Centre Chair would not be doing as the standing order states, as they have no one to be responsible for. The Advice Centre has changed the ways in which they run their volunteering programme, with volunteers no longer being trained in giving advice. Instead, Advice Centre volunteers will be the voice of the Advice Centre, making students aware of where the Advice Centre is, and what support it can provide to students. At this moment in time, there have been no volunteers come forward to do this. It is with this in mind, that the position of Chair of The Advice Centre Committee is not a valid position, alongside the roles within the committee.

HUU Resolves

HUU resolves to dissolve the position of Advice Centre Chair, Publicity Officer, Internal Communications Officer, Social Secretary, Fundraising Officer and Training Officer, due to their relevance within the new structure of the Advice Centre. With no trained volunteers, and none being trained this year (due to the changing of the ways volunteers will work) these positions are no longer required.

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