

2240 Amendment to the Bye-Laws: Effective Representation in HSC

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Union Notes

1 In 2015, Council amended the Bye Laws on its membership so that the new integrated Schools under the HUM reorganisation would keep their rep allocation at the previous level. (e.g. American Studies would be entitled to five Council representatives even though it had been merged into AMA)

2 The present Council membership for School Representatives, which has been in place for many years, is: one first year undergraduate student, one second year undergraduate student, one other year undergraduate student, one postgraduate research student and one postgraduate taught student from each School of Study elected by their peers.

3 The School of Nursing and Midwifery (NAM) merged with Allied Health Professions (AHP) to form a new School of Health Sciences (HSC) in 2015.

4 HSC is therefore entitled to ten representatives on Council.

Union Believes

1 The current rep structure does not serve the needs of a multi-disciplinary vocational such as HSC.

2 We could better represent HSC students if we moved to an innovative multi-disciplinary model specific to HSC.

3 We should do this whilst ensuring there will be adequate representation for PG students.

Union Resolves

1 To add a Clause 1.11.4 (ii) to the Bye-Laws to read: "The allocation for the School of Health Sciences shall be: three places for Nursing and Midwifery students; three places for Allied Health Profession students; one place for Pre-registration PG students; one place for Post-registration students; and two open places."
