

2335 Subcommittees That Work (An Amendment to the Bye Laws)

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Summary

Last year, the subcommittees of the Student Officer Committee barely met quorum and their remit was unclear and re-established the start of each academic year. The clarification that this policy enables ensures that the Bye Laws are clear to any student who reads them. The clear remit and membership will hopefully see a greater take up of students who wish to get involved in the future.

Council Notes

1. Last year, these subcommittees failed to meet quorum throughout the year.
2. Due to issues of quorum, funding requests have to go through the Student Officer Committee.
3. These sub-committees support wider campaigns on behalf and in addition to the Student Officer Committee.
4. The sub-committees of the Student Officer Committee were put in place 2 years ago through the 'A set of Amendments to the Articles of Association and to the Bye-Laws from the Student Leadership Review Group'.

Council Believes

1. The sub-committees should be successful and reach quorum.
2. The sub-committees are in place to support policy development, implementation and full time officer accountability, as well as ensuring better coordination with societies in the relevant areas.

3. There is a lack of understanding in the "bye-laws" regarding sub-committees which may create confusion, thus causing problems with quorum.
4. There are many leadership opportunities within the Students Union, and through clarity of these sub-committees, students will find it easier to access such opportunities.

Council Resolves

1. Delete the following:

"1.22a.1 The Welfare, Community and Diversity Sub Committee shall consist the Welfare, Community & Diversity Officer, a representative from each of the Liberation Groups and Assemblies, two representatives from Student Accommodation on campus, two representatives from health & welfare societies, two from student faith societies and four students elected as a block at least one of which must be in their first year of study and at least two of which must self-define as women or non-binary;"

Replace with:

"Sub-Committees of the Student Officer Committee: Welfare, Wellbeing and Community

1.22b There shall be a Welfare, Wellbeing and Community Committee which shall consist of: the Welfare, Community and Diversity Officer, a representative from each of the Liberation Groups and Assemblies, two representatives from Student Accommodation on campus, two representatives from health & welfare societies, two from student faith societies and four students elected as a block at least one of which must be in their first year of study and at least two of which must self-define as women or non-binary.

1.22b.1 The Welfare, Wellbeing and Community Committee shall co-ordinate a programme of campaigning and activities for related issues as outlined in their cycle of business.

1.22b.2 The programme may include: Seasonal affective disorder, safety on campus, assessment stress, estranged students, World Aid's Day, Christmas Day on campus, housing and relationships stress, and communicating the transition to life after university. This is not an exhaustive list." Renumber accordingly.

2. Delete the following:

"1.22a.3 The Liberation, Equality and Diversity Sub Committee shall consist of the Welfare, Community & Diversity Officer, a representative from each of the Liberation Societies and Assemblies, and six students elected as a block at least two of which must be in their first year of study and at least three of which must self-define as women or non-binary;"

Replace with:

"Sub-Committees of the Student Officer Committee: Liberation, Equality and Diversity

1.22c The Liberation, Equality and Diversity Committee shall consist of the Welfare, Community & Diversity Officer, a representative from each of the Liberation Societies and Assemblies, and six students elected as a block at least two of which must be in their first year of study and at least three of which must self-define as women or non-binary.

1.22c.1 The Liberation, Equality and Diversity Committee shall co-ordinate a programme of campaigning and activities for related issues as outlined in their cycle of business." Renumber accordingly.

1.22c.2 The programme may include: Liberation history months, making UEA inclusive for all, Never OK, and feeding into transforming equality. This is not an exhaustive list" Renumber accordingly.

3. Delete the following:

"1.22a.4 The Ethical and Environmental Sub Committee shall consist of the Campaigns and Democracy Officer, representatives from relevant societies, and six students elected as a block at least two of which must be in their first year of study and at least three of which must self-define as women or non-binary."

Replace with:

"Sub-Committees of the Student Officer Committee: Ethical and Environmental

1.22d The Ethical and Environmental Sub Committee shall consist of the Campaigns and Democracy Officer, representatives from relevant societies, and six students elected as a block at least two of which must be in their first year of study and at least three of which must self-define as women or non-binary."

1.22d.1 The Ethical and Environmental Sub Committee shall co-ordinate a programme of campaigning and activities for related issues." Renumber accordingly.

1.22d.2 The programme may include: Go Green Week, review of waste and recycling, energy switch off, and Earth Hour. This is not an exhaustive list" Renumber accordingly.