

## **2152 Making the Role of the SOC Sub Committees and Executives Clearer on Council: A Change to the Bye Laws**

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Union Notes:

1. The 2017 Review of the Code of Practice for Student Representation, passed by UEA's Learning and Teaching Committee, formally created the role of School Convenors.
2. This role, previously recognised as the Student Co-Chair on Student Staff Liaison Committees, has ensured that there is school-level representation between Course Reps and Faculty Convenors.
3. Currently Faculty Convenors can be co-opted by resolution onto Union Council.
4. Both School Convenors and Faculty Convenors are members of the SOC Education Sub-Committee and are encouraged to develop educational policy in partnership with the Undergraduate Education Officer and Postgraduate Education Officer through this Committee.
5. Currently the Sub Committees of the Student Officer Committee (SOC), created during the 2017 Democracy Review, are eligible for at least one representative on Union Council. However, as Sports Executive and Societies Executive are not classified as Sub Committees of SOC, they are not eligible for a representative seat on Union Council.
6. The Societies Executive currently provides a report to Union Council with feedback regarding proposed new societies, but has no member present, other than the Activities and Opportunities Officer, to explain said report.

Union Believes:

1. That by requiring Faculty Convenors to be co-opted by resolution, this provides a barrier to participation in Union Council.
2. School Convenors should be able to obtain a seat on council in their capacity as a School Convenor, and not in the capacity outlined by Bye Law 1.11.3 which can prove confusing and a barrier to participation in Union Council.
3. It is wrong that School Convenors can contribute to educational policy development, but not hold a voting seat at Council where said policy is approved.
4. Membership of Faculty Convenors and School Convenors to Council should be automatic on their election.
5. The Societies Executive spend considerable time providing feedback on new society proposals and should have a voice at the point that societies are approved.

6. Both Sports Executive and Societies Executive should have voting representation on council should they wish to develop policy that is approved at Union Council.

Union Resolves:

1. Delete Bye Law 1.11.3 'one of the undergraduate students elected to the Board of Study, Staff-Student Liaison Committee or equivalent body, from each School of Study, elected by and from their number;'
2. Replace Bye Law 1.11.3 with 'the School Convenors from each School of Study elected by and from their number.'
3. Delete Bye Law 1.11.6 'the Faculty Convenors (co-opted by resolution of Union Council);'
4. Replace Bye Law 1.11.6 with 'the Faculty Convenors from each Faculty elected by and from their number.'
5. Delete Bye Law 1.11.11 'A student member from each of the Student Officer Committee Sub Committees; A representative from each major Student Accommodation cluster on campus'
6. Replace Bye Law 1.11.11 with 'A student member from each of the Student Officer Committee Sub Committees with the exception of the Education Sub Committee who's representatives will be appointed under Bye Laws 1.11.3 and 1.11.6; A representative from each major Student Accommodation cluster on campus'
7. Introduce Bye Law 1.11.12 'A member of the Sports Executive, elected by its members; A member of the Societies Executive elected, by its members'