

BYE LAW FOUR: UNION COMMUNITIES

1. Definition

- 1.1. Union Communities are defined as groups or meetings where members come together to exchange views and participate in activity, which will stimulate members' interest and inform Students in areas of common concern.
- 1.2. Communities may be formed, with the guidance of the Executive to focus on specific issues of students or a constituent part of the membership

2. Community Purposes

- 2.1. To provide an opportunity for students to discuss the issues that matter to them in achieving the best student experience.
- 2.2. To make proposals and recommendations to Students' Representative Council on specific issues.
- 2.3. To direct and inform the Union's policy and campaign activity.
- 2.4. To appoint a spokesperson(s) .

3. Provisions Applicable to all Communities

- 3.1. The Union shall keep summary notes of their proceedings and submit them to Students' Representative Council if required for approval.
- 3.2. A quorum for a Community may be requested by Executive but in normal circumstances shall not be required.
- 3.3. Each Community meeting shall be convened by a spokesperson and in the absence of such a person by an appropriate Executive Officer or other member of the Community.
- 3.4. Any current student shall be entitled to speak or contribute to the relevant Community.

4. Community Expectations

- 4.1. To create an environment that is inclusive to all and promotes participation
- 4.2. To seek to recruit volunteers to participate in campaigns and activities.
- 4.3. To consider market research or student feedback in relation to the student experience to inform the future developments and campaign issues.
- 4.4. To provide information and report on activity to Students' Representative Council.

5. Duties of spokesperson(s)

- 5.1. To represent the views of their Community to Students' Representative Council and where appropriate the Executive Committee and University.
- 5.2. To report on the key activities/issues of their Community. This report will be made available to Students' Representative Council
- 5.3. To promote participation by self-defining students in meetings and activities and publicise all meetings in advance.

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