

## SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

### 9E. MOVING NUS DELEGATE ELECTIONS TO MICHAELMAS TERM (REPEATED FROM LAST COUNCIL)

#### Article I - NUS Motions and Representation

*For such time as the CUSU is affiliated to the National Union of Students the following Standing Orders shall apply.*

##### 1. 1.1 Designation of Council Meetings

- i. (i) Motions may be submitted to NUS National Conference and NUS Sections and Liberation Conferences through the relevant policy-making bodies within those sections of CUSU which are represented at the relevant conference.
- ii. All motion for submission to NUS policy making forums must specify this in their text.
- iii. CUSU will submit motions to NUS National Conference through CUSU Council, in line with the rules of the NUS.
- iv. Any resolutions contained in motions proposed for NUS shall not become resolutions of the CUSU unless such resolutions are passed as a separate Ordinary Motion.

##### 1. 1.4 Representation at NUS Events

- i. (i) NUS National Conference delegates will be elected by cross-campus ballot as part of the CUSU Elections in Michaelmas.
- ii. (ii) A member may stand to be an NUS Conference delegate in addition to another post; this will not violate the ban on the holding of two Executive posts.
- iii. (iii) If an Extraordinary National Conference is called during the year, those Annual National Conference delegates who are still members of CUSU and otherwise eligible and able to attend shall automatically be delegates to the Extraordinary Conference. Any vacant places shall be filled by means of a co-option at CUSU Council.
- iv. Delegates for NUS National Conference will be elected in line with policies of the NUS.
- v. *CUSU Sabbatical Officers or those members of CUSU co-opted by CUSU Council may represent CUSU at other NUS Events where there is a democratic element, including but not limited to Zone Conferences.*

### 9G. SUPPORT CHANGES TO CUSU'S AFFILIATION FEE MODEL

#### Collegiate funding of central students' unions

#### Executive Summary

#### Background and proposal

CUSU and the GU have two independent categories of constituent: their members (individual students) and their affiliate unions (J/MCRs). At present, the central unions do not charge for personal membership, but do charge for J/MCR affiliation. There are a number of difficulties caused by this model.

This year the bursars were consulted on replacing J/MCR affiliation fees with a per-capita levy on colleges. An equal number of respondents were supportive (including those who pay their college unions' fees on their behalf already) as opposed to the proposal. The major reason for opposition was the perceived loss of accountability of the central unions if there was no mechanism to cut off collegiate funding as a consequence of losing students' confidence.

CUSU and the GU propose a levy on colleges which addresses both the fundamental problems of the current model, and also the criticism of previous proposals. The new proposal is based neither on the number of affiliated J/MCRs, nor on the number of students, but on the number of registered members of central students' unions. Students have a legal right to resign their membership of any students' union, and the University and Colleges have a legal duty to ensure their students are informed of this right annually.

Under the current system, the financial burden of supporting the central unions falls inequitably – as students of a disaffiliated J/MCR benefit without contributing, and students of affiliated J/MCRs pay more than necessary to support students of disaffiliated J/MCRs. The new proposal resolves these difficulties while maintaining a financial incentive for the central unions to retain the confidence of their constituents.

### **Figures and details**

	<u>FT undergrad</u>	<u>PT undergrad</u>	<u>FT graduate</u>	<u>PT graduate</u>	<u>PGCE student</u>
<b>CUSU fee</b>	£6.70	£6.70	£3.00	£3.00	£1.50
<b>GU fee</b>	-	-	£3.50	-	-
<b>Total fee</b>	£6.70	£6.70	£6.50	£3.00	£1.50
<b>Proposed levy</b>	£5.90	£5.90	£5.90	£5.90	£1.46

*Note 1: All data reflect 2015-16 figures.*

*Note 2: For 2016-17, the GU Council has voted to charge affiliation fees on a FTE basis, i.e. a half-cost fee for part-time and PGCE students.*

CUSU and the GU propose that the College levy on union members be charged at £5.90 per undergraduate and graduate student, including part-time and writing-up students, but excluding PGCE students who would count as 0.25 of a student for the purposes of calculating the levy.

Membership would be calculated at a “census date”, proposed as the start of Lent Term to give students enough time to resign their membership in the Michaelmas Term if they do not want the central unions funded in their name.

The revenue from graduate students would be split 50:50 between CUSU and the GU.

This proposal would maintain the 2015-16 level of funding for CUSU from fee income, under the assumption that (a) there would be a modest increase in the number of students opting-out of membership and (b) J/MCR affiliation would cost less than £100.

CUSU and the GU also propose that the £5.90 figure be uplifted annually in line with inflation to retain the real value of the collegiate contribution.

## **Proposed arrangements for service provision**

### **(a) Independent of J/MCR affiliation or personal membership**

The following services will be provided irrespective of the status of the individual organisation accessing the service:

- Personal access to Students' Unions' Advice Service
- Distribution of sexual health supplies to J/MCRs and Colleges
- Eligibility to take part in the Access Shadowing Scheme

Furthermore, CUSU and the GU will continue their University representative work for the benefit of *all* students irrespective of status – under the direction of the unions' policy.

### **(b) Dependent on J/MCR affiliation**

The following services are dependent on the affiliation status of J/MCRs, and may be withheld from disaffiliated J/MCRs:

- Voting membership of the unions' Councils
- J/MCR officer training, including welfare officer signposting training etc
- Institutional support, eg for purposes of rent negotiations
- Access to institutional commercial discounts, eg Sky TV subscription
- Access to CUSU online voting platform for running J/MCR elections

This list is subject to change, as the range of services offered to J/MCRs develops.

### **(c) Dependent on personal membership**

The following services are dependent on the personal membership of the individual concerned, and may be withheld from individuals who have opted-out of membership:

- "Front desk services"
  - Hard and soft thesis binding
  - Print shop, including reprographics and lamination
  - Stationery shop
  - Cycle equipment shop
  - Gown shop, including rental, sale and buy-back
  - Per-box storage service (launching Christmas Vacation 2016-17)
- Eligibility for NUS Extra cards
- Enfranchisement in Union elections and referenda, and eligibility to stand for election
- Access to union funding for student projects, eg from CUSU Council's "free budget"
- Access to union events, eg the Freshers' Fair
- Access to CUSU online voting platform for society elections (those in charge of running the election must be members)

Once again, this list is subject to change, as the range of services offered to individuals develops.

## **9I. PILOT THE BOARD OF POLICY SCRUTINY (BoPS)**

### **Terms for Reference for the Board of Policy Scrutiny (BoPS)**

#### Aims

1. To scrutinise the progress of all live policy passed at CUSU Council on behalf of the Council and hold officers responsible to account.
2. To report back to Council on the progress of policy and make recommendations for the execution of policy and make recommendations for the amendments of policy to Council.
3. To give advice to CUSU Sabbatical Officers about ongoing issues.
4. To seek advice from CUSU Sabbatical officers about ongoing College matters.

#### Membership

1. Meetings will be chaired by the Chair of CUSU Council or an individual who has been delegated by the Chair and as with Council they will remain impartial.
2. The Board will also consist of 2 JCR Representatives and 2 MCR Representatives voted in by Council at the first Council of each term.
  - a. The Representatives must represent different Colleges
  - b. The Representatives may be either President or the External Officer of the affiliated union or Common Room
3. There will be a place for 1 Faculty representative voted at the same Council meeting.
4. There will be a place for 1 Autonomous campaign, although not a campaign represented by the Sabbatical Officer Team.
5. No representative can run for two consecutive terms, unless an election is held and positions are left vacant.
6. Any voting member of Council may attend the BoPS for a particular item of interest to them at the discretion of the Chair.

#### Meetings

1. The Board will meet on either the Friday, Monday or the Tuesday a week after Council<sup>1</sup>
2. All officers mandatable by Council (President, Welfare and Rights Officer, Access and Funding Officer, Education Officer) will be required to attend meetings if they are responsible for any continuing policy
3. All officers not mandatable by Council (Disabled Students' Officer and Womens' Officer) will be invited to attend but ultimate responsibility lies with the delegator
4. The minutes from each meeting including any recommendations for amendments will be
5. brought to the following Council and any representatives from the Board will be invited to
6. report to Council if necessary.

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<sup>1</sup> This window is to give elected CUSU sabbatical officers the opportunity to make progress on policy but is before the deadline for the submission of motions for the following Council, anticipating that the BoPS may want to make recommendations to amend policy at Council.