

## **Bye-Law 12: Affiliations**

### **1 Affiliating to an External Organisation**

1.1 The Union can affiliate to an external organisation through a two-thirds majority vote in either a:

- (a) Student Members' Meeting;
- (b) Student Council; or
- (c) Referendum.

1.2 Members of the Union can request to affiliate to an organisation by submitting a motion to the appropriate meeting or following the regulations in the Bye-Law 2 Referendums.

### **2 Student Group Affiliations**

2.1 Student groups of the Union can affiliate to external organisations, including political and religious organisations.

2.2 All affiliations must be approved by a two-third majority vote at the student groups General Meeting.

### **3 Board of Trustees Responsibilities**

3.1 The Board of Trustees may override any decision to affiliate to an external organisation, if the Trustees consider it (in their absolute discretions):

- (a) Has or may have any financial implications for the Union;
- (b) Is or may be in breach of, contrary to or otherwise inconsistent with charity or education law or any other legal requirements (including ultra vires);
- (c) Contravenes the charitable aims and objects of the Union;
- (d) Does not further the aims of the student group; or
- (e) Will or may otherwise affect the discharge of any or all of the responsibilities referred to in the Articles.

### **4 Notice of Affiliations**

4.1 Notice of new affiliations shall be made available on the Union's website stating the name of the organisation and details of any subscription or similar fee paid or proposed to be paid, and of any donation made or proposed to be made, to the organisation.

4.2 The Union shall make available annually to all members and the College Council a report containing a list of all external organisations to which the Union is currently affiliated to together with details of subscriptions or similar fees paid and donations made during the past year.

### **5 Review of Affiliations**

3.1 The Union shall annually submit to its members for approval a list of all affiliations including those of student groups to external bodies through either a:

- (a) Student Members' Meeting; or

(b) Referendum.

3.2 Student Members of the Union may call a referendum on the question of continued affiliation to any particular organisation in accordance with the referendum bye-law.