

Bye-Law 8: Executive Committee

1 Purpose of the Committee

- 1.1 The purpose of the Executive Committee is:
- (a) To be the recognised body for the political leadership of the Union;
 - (b) Oversee the implementation of the Union non-administrative policy;
 - (c) Oversee the memberships relationship with the University and beyond by representing student's views;
 - (d) Individually and collectively report on Executive Committee Officers activities to the Student Council.
 - (e) Recommend student policy to Student Council.
 - (f) Be subject to the political and policy oversight of Student Council.
 - (g) Be subject to the administrative oversight of the Board of Trustees.
 - (h) Conduct themselves individually in accordance with the Nolan Principles on public life

2 Frequency and business of the committee

- 2.1 The Chair of the Executive Committee shall be elected by the first meeting of the committee at each academic year. The President shall chair any meeting where the Chair person is not present. The committee may choose to nominate a secretary from among their members or a person they deem suitable from the union.
- 2.2 Meetings shall take place at least once every four weeks during term time and allowing for exams. Quoracy shall be 50% plus 1 of the Executive Committee office holders
- 2.3 Notice will be at least four clear working days' notice. Notice shall be sent by electronic format to all committee members and shall include the time, date, venue of the meeting, agenda and papers.
- 2.4 Papers relating to an item of business circulated after the agenda may be tabled at the meeting subject to the approval of the Chair. Items for any other business should be discussed with the Chair in advance of the meeting. The Chair should inform the meeting of the items to be discussed at the start of the meeting. New items may be added to any other business once the meeting has commenced at the discretion of the Chair
- 2.5 Meetings must be conducted in accordance with the powers outlined within the Memorandum of Association and regulations, the law, Union policies and procedures
- 2.6 Decisions shall be made by majority vote. The Chair shall not have a vote in the meeting but may in the case of an equal amount of votes for and against have the casting vote
- 2.7 All items/papers shall be considered open and may not be discussed in secret without the prior agreement of the Board of Trustees Chair and Vice-Chair.

3 Standing Agenda of the Executive Committee

- 3.1 Welcome and apologies

- 3.2 Confirmation of matters for any other business
- 3.3 Agree the accuracy and approve the minutes of the last meeting
- 3.4 Note any matters arising from the minutes not covered on the agenda
- 3.5 Note any conflicts of interest with the Chair.
- 3.6 Items specially brought forward by the chair
- 3.7 Items/papers to receive consider discuss approve
- 3.8 Note items for information
- 3.9 Any other business and date of the next meeting

4 Role of the Chair

- 4.1 To ensure the Executive Committee fulfils its responsibilities including following the direction of Union Council and Union General Meetings
- 4.2 On behalf of the Executive Committee to invite the Chief Executive or other Union staff member as agreed with the Chief Executive to attend an Executive Committee meeting
- 4.3 To ensure arrangements are in place for minutes to be taken of the meeting
- 4.4 To ensure arrangements are in place for the agreed minutes to be published and available to members
- 4.5 To receive complaints about the conduct of the Executive Committee on behalf of the Union Council /Board of Trustees

5 Membership

- 5.1 The Membership shall be the Sabbatical and Part-Time Officers of the Union.