Bye-Law Amendment

Name of Amendment: Introducing Postgraduate Taught Officer Role

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This Union Notes:

1. Currently there is only one representative for all postgraduate students, i.e. Graduate School Officer. However the postgraduate students’ population sums up to around 50% of the whole City demographic.
2. Postgraduate Taught and Postgraduate Research courses are quite different and the issues that the students from these courses face vary significantly.

This Union Believes:

1. All students should be represented within the Students’ Union governing bodies such as Union Executive Committee.
2. There should be created a better sense of community and inclusiveness among Postgraduate students.
3. All students including Postgraduate students should feel that the Students’ Union represents them and recognises issues that they face.
4. There should be Postgraduate Taught Representative Officer and Postgraduate Research Representative Officer instead of one Graduate School Officer.
5. There should be more emphasis and actions taken by the Students’ Union to ensure that Postgraduate students which account to half of the Students’ Union membership feel part of City community.

This Union Resolves:

1. To make the following amendments to Bye-Law 6: Part-Time Officers:

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1.1 The Part-Time Officers shall be one School Representative Officer for each School in the University, one Graduate School Representative, five Liberation Officers and three Special Interest Officers.

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2 Role and Duties of School Representative Officers (SROs)

2.1 Each School of the University shall have a School Representative Officer within the Union. There shall also be a Graduate School Representative. In addition to the general roles of Part-Time Officers their duties shall be:

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3 Role and Duties of a Postgraduate Representative

3.1 The Postgraduate Representatives shall include a Postgraduate Taught Representative and a Postgraduate Research Representative. In addition to the general roles of Part-Time Officers their duties shall be:

3.2 To act as the recognised spokesperson for students relevant to their position, providing feedback on various aspects of the University and the student experience both to the University and to the student body.

3.3 To attend appropriate University meetings.

3.4 To meet with relevant senior University staff informally once a semester to promote a dialogue between the Union and the University and liaise regularly with University staff at all levels.

3.5 To actively use the network of Programme Reps to encourage a two-way dialogue with the Union and University including collecting feedback and encouraging engagement in University and Union consultations.

3.6 To attend any relevant Union Representation Network events and to organize network events as appropriate.