

Amendments to Bye-Law 5: Sabbatical Officers and Bye-Law 6: Part-Time Officers

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This Union notes:

1. That there are currently three sabbatical officer and 15 part-time officer positions.
2. The current sabbatical officer composition does not have clarity over which position is leading on developing student communities and supporting the wellbeing of students, two key priorities in the Union's strategic plan, Vision 2020.
3. More students engage in student societies than any other activity area of the Union, but the Union does not currently have a Societies Officer.
4. There has been demand from students over recent years to improve the provision of student media in the Union.

This Union believes:

1. The current VP Activities & Development role is more operational, rather than focused on support and representation. Operational tasks may be better supported by full time SU staff and the VP role would have the potential to focus on student experience, wellbeing and community.
2. President and VP Education roles have an abundance of responsibilities. Wellbeing is currently under the President and attendance to student experience committees is under VP Education. These responsibilities will be better dealt with under the remit of the amended VP Community and Wellbeing position.
3. The current VP Activities & Development position is left out from a number of committees, meeting and conversations within the university, due to its limited remit. The amendment of the role will enable the VP to be involved in a number of key community and student wellbeing projects.

This Union Resolves:

1. To amend Bye-Law 5: Sabbatical Officers by changing the Vice President Activities and Development into the Vice President Community and Wellbeing and making the amendments as highlighted in the attached Bye-Law 5.
2. To amend Bye-Law 6: Part-Time Officers by including the additional positions of Societies Officer and Student Media and making the amendments as highlighted in the attached Bye-Law 6.
3. To request that the Board of Trustees amend all relevant governing documents, regulations and policies to ensure that where the position of Vice President Activities and Development is reference it is changed to Vice President Community and Wellbeing.