

## **Bye-Law 14: Removal of committee members from office**

### **Resignations**

- 14.1 The resignation of any member of any committee set out in the Bye-Laws must be given in writing to the Chief of Staff who will report this to Union Council at the first opportunity.
- 14.2 If a Full-time Student Officer resigns from office, their successor shall have Full-time status provided that they take up office within a period of one month from the beginning of the first semester of the academic year.

### **Motions of No Confidence**

#### **14.3 Student Officer Committee**

- 14.3.1 Any member of the Student Officer Committee shall cease to hold office if they are subject to a motion of no confidence, submitted by ten or more members of Union Council, passed by a 75% majority of those members of the Union Council present and voting at a quorate meeting.
- 14.3.2 If a Full-time Student Officer ceases to hold office their successor shall have Full-time status provided that they take up office within a period of one month from the beginning of the first semester of the academic year.

#### **14.4 Union Council representatives**

A Union Council member shall cease to hold office if they are subject to a motion of no confidence passed by a two-thirds majority of those voting at either a quorate meeting of Union Council or in a secret ballot of their constituency requested in writing to the Chief of Staff by not less than one tenth of the members of the constituency.

#### **14.5 Democratic Procedures Committee**

A member of the Democratic Procedures Committee shall cease to hold office if they are subject to a motion of no confidence passed by a two-thirds majority of those voting at a quorate meeting of Union Council.

### **Dismissal as a result of absence**

#### **14.6 Union Council representatives**

- 14.6.1 Any member of the Union Council, including a Student Officer, who is absent without valid apology for two meetings of the

Union Council per semester shall cease to hold all Union offices unless the Union Council, at its sole discretion, shall decide otherwise.

- 14.6.2 An apology for absence from a Union Council meeting from a Union Councillor shall be considered valid if it is submitted and accepted by the Chair of Council, via the relevant member of Staff, before the start of the meeting.

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##### **Student Officer Committee**

- 14.7.1 Any voting member of the Student Officer Committee, who is absent without valid apology for three meetings of the Student Officer Committee per semester shall cease to hold office unless the Student Officer Committee at its sole discretion, shall decide otherwise. The Chair of the PostgraduateSU Committee, can only be removed by the Graduate Assembly.

- 14.7.2 An apology for absence from a Student Officer Committee meeting from a Student Officer shall be considered valid if it is submitted to the Student Officer Committee, via the relevant member of Staff, before the start of the meeting, and then accepted by the meeting

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##### **Vacancies created by dismissal/resignation**

In the event of a member of a Student Union committee ceasing to hold office the Student Union's Deputy Returning Officer will be responsible for holding elections to appoint a replacement in line with the Bye-Laws.