**6. SU Rule Review**

**Council Notes**

1. That the SU’s rules (Bye-Laws, Regulations & Rules of Council) are vague in many areas, especially regarding External Organisations, Student Members’ Meetings and Student Council procedure.
2. That the SU’s rules and/or supporting documentation (such as footnotes) are in many cases inconsistent.
3. As a result of 2021’s review of the Articles, changes to the Bye-Laws were necessary, but did not take place.

**Council Believes**

1. Clear and consistent rules are necessary to run a fairly complex organisation such as the SU in an orderly and democratic manner.
2. The vagueness and inconsistency of the SU’s rules have limited the effective running of the SU and Council, and have detracted from students’ efforts in policy discussion and campaigning.
3. A holistic review of the SU’s rules, with special attention paid to clarity, consistency and transparency should be conducted, led by students and aiming to produce (if necessary) concrete proposals for change on a short timeframe.

**Council Resolves**

1. To establish a Working Group on SU Rules, which shall be an advisory committee of Council under Bye-Law 9.4, with the Returning Officer as Chair and membership open to all Council members, and others at the discretion of the Chair. The Group shall determine its own procedure.
2. To issue the Group with the following terms of reference:
3. Reviewing the SU’s Bye-Laws, Regulations, Rules of Council and other subsidiary guidance or rules, with a focus on clarity, consistency and appropriate levels of prescriptiveness vs. clearly defined flexibility.
4. Reviewing Student Council’s operation and procedure, with a focus on effective democracy and a clear delineation of the responsibilities and powers of staff and student officers.
5. Consulting appropriately with student members, the executive, and the Board or its sub-committees on issues and recommendations.
6. To mandate the Working Group on SU Rules to report back to Council by the first meeting of Trinity Term (2023), with recommendations.

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