

Bye-Law 1 – Membership

Purpose: To define who is a member and their rights within the Union.

1. Status

- 1.1 Members of the Union are as defined in the Articles of Association.

2. Student Members

- 2.1 Student members shall be entitled to:

- 2.1.1 representation from the Union to the University and other relevant external bodies
- 2.1.2 make use of any services and facilities of the Union
- 2.1.3 hold ordinary membership of any club or society affiliated to the Union, and stand for and hold elected positions of the committees of clubs and societies of which they are a member
- 2.1.4 attend, speak at, and vote in relation to matters at Student Members Meetings
- 2.1.5 vote and stand in elections as outlined in Bye-Law 4: Elections
- 2.1.6 set policy as outlined in Bye-Law 2: Setting the Direction

- 2.2 For the avoidance of doubt student members are not Company Law Members as defined in the Articles of Association.

3. Conduct

- 3.1 The rights and privileges of student members may be suspended or removed in accordance with the Rules, Regulations, and Procedures for Students.

4. Opting out of student membership

- 4.1 In accordance with the Education Act 1994 a student member has the right to opt out of student membership.
- 4.2 A student member wishing to exercise this right will need to do so in writing to the Secretary and Clerk of the University.
- 4.3 Student members who opt out of student membership will not be unfairly disadvantaged with regard to the provision of services.

5. Associate Members

- 5.1 The Trustee Board will consider and approve all applications for both creation and removal of associate membership.
- 5.2 The Trustee Board may approve and publish a set of rights for associate members. Associate members will not be able to vote in elections, set policy, or hold elected office.