

## Casual Vacancy Working Group

### Minutes of meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2010

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Purpose: To **discuss** and **decide** the process of election for the Casual Vacancies for 2010/2011 Executive posts including: Vice President: Education, Welfare Development Officer, Ethical and Environmental Development Officer and Global Development Officer.

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Schedule:	18:00	Working Group Starts
	18:05	Chairs Comments <i>The Chair will outline the procedure for speaking and contributing to the group.</i>
	18:15	Open Floor <i>Opportunity for contributions from members of the group.</i>
	18:45	Decision Making <i>Evaluating the available options and deciding on the process of election.</i>
	19:00	Close of meeting

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#### Points to note:

- The current process for casual vacancies for Executive Officers are that they'll be filled by an election at Union Council in accordance with Standing Order D, which states candidates need to be proposed and seconded by two Union Councillors and then invited to make a brief speech in support of their candidacy. Only Union Councillors can vote. Council have approved to have the opportunity to resolve electing unfilled posts by means of the procedure set out in Standing Order G for Web voting.
  - All points must be addressed through the Chair. If there are any additional issues you feel that you haven't had the opportunity to bring to the meeting please write these down and hand them to the Chair at the end of the meeting.
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The group decided on the following:

All Casual Vacancies for 2010/2011 including:

- **Vice President: Education,**
- **Welfare Development Officer,**
- **Ethical and Environmental Development Officer and**
- **Global Development Officer**

.. should be elected collectively through cross campus ballot with voting through the [www.lufbra.net](http://www.lufbra.net) online software.

They will be run in conjunction with the Chair of Council elections which will also be cross campus, with voting through the [www.lufbra.net](http://www.lufbra.net) online software and in addition will have the ballot for affiliation to NUS, AMSU and BUCS for 2010/2011.

The timeline of the election is likely to be as follows:

**Provisional Election Dates (Pending Union Council Approval – 4<sup>th</sup> May)**

**Nominations Open:** Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2010

**Nominations Close:** Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2010

**Online Campaigning Starts:** Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2010

**Hustings:** Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2010

**Offline Campaigning Starts:** Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2010

**Voting:** Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2010, Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2010

Candidates will have a £20 poster budget and a £30 campaigning budget, which is all they will have to spend on their campaigning. Offline campaigning may only begin once hustings have finished on the Friday. Online campaigning may begin on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May, which includes the use of face book and so forth.

This proposal will be going to Union Council on the 4<sup>th</sup> May for approval.



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