



Life Memberships Policy

Background

Loughborough Students Union (LSU) has had a Life Membership Policy since 1988. In this time very few changes have been made to the original policy, although a reformatting process took place in September 2001 and in 2008.

This proposal is a dramatic change in policy, never before has Life Membership been free, but, it would reflect a change in how the Union sees Alumni developing entirely, whilst keeping Alumni as still a very welcome part of LSU.

The following policy has been approved by the Executive 2011-2012.

Current Policy (With suggested additions. Subtractions have been ~~crossed through~~)

LSU Life Membership

~~Life Membership is a one-off payment of £15. This allows Life Members to:~~

The benefits of LSU Life Membership include:

- ~~• 5 Free entries in your first year of life membership (subject to period and notification)~~
- Same NUS Prices guaranteed
- ~~• Queue Jump for Fresher's FND~~
- ~~• Queue Jump for Returners FND~~
- Be a member of any Athletic Union Club
- Be a member of any Club or Society
- Attend events at the price of a student
- Take part in any event organised by Rag or Action
- ~~• 2 Queue jump guest entries to non-ticketed events (subject to notification)~~
- ~~• Get 25% off any union room hire~~
- Be a member of Media

Life Membership is free of charge to anyone who has been a member of LSU for 6 months or more. Life Members can not vote or stand in any Union Elections. ~~Students can purchase Life Membership from LSU reception by cheque or cash.~~

LSU 'Life Membership' can be ~~purchased~~ *gained* by any student that has ever been a member of LSU (this includes the University, College and RNIB) regardless of whether they have completed their studies.

The Alumni Development Officer will maintain and build up communications and relations with Life Membership members. In the absence of an Alumni Development Officer, the President and Vice

President Finance and Commercial Services will work together to ensure these responsibilities are carried out.

Any deductions or additions to Life Membership will be passed through Union Executive and then onto Union Council.

- ~~Each Life member receives five free entries that can only be used by the individual life member and this is used via guest list Hey Ewes, FND's. This is only valid for a year after the purchase of the membership~~
- ~~Each Life member and two guests are entitled to queue jump for any union event after the guest list entries has run out. A valid Life membership card must be shown upon entry.~~
- ~~Each life Member is to be sent via Email a copy of the Annual report from that year (this should ideally be done by the mid-late July in every year), which should contain a message from the outgoing president of thanks to Life Members for their continued support.~~
- ~~The hire of rooms is entirely dependant on availability. As the union is constantly a work place no bias may be given to Alumni who haven't booked in advance. The 25% booking discount is not affected by this.~~

Honorary Life Membership

~~Each year honorary Life Membership will be given to any person who is awarded a Loughborough Experience Award.~~

~~Honorary life membership will commence once a student has finished their studies. If the student is awarded a higher award they also will receive an honorary life membership.~~

- ~~The current LSU Clubs and Societies Honorary Membership Policy has been amended so that the free honorary life membership be only granted for one year.~~

LSU Executive Alumni Life Membership

The present situation for the Executive Alumni Life Membership (individuals who have ever served on the Executive Team of LSU) is that they are automatically Life Members for free (issued with 'Exec Cards' rather than 'Life Membership' Cards.)

In addition to the privileges afforded to standard Life members, LSU Executive Life Membership shall entitle each member to the following:

- The Exec Alumni are entitled to guest list for them and 1 guest to any Hey Ewe and FND for up to 5 years after they finish office as long as they email the VP Finance by 2pm on the day they're intending on going to the event
- The Exec Alumni are entitled a free ticket to GradBall and Fresher's Ball for up to 3 years of finishing office but must contact the Alumni Development Officer with at least 4 days notice.
- GradBall and Fresher Ball tickets for Exec Alumni will be available with a +1 Guestlist for the year following their exec term.
- In addition, any member of LSU Executive that then continues/retakes with their studies/course (i.e. continues to be a student) will also be entitled to free Executive Life Membership.

- Any Officer who does not complete their term of office will be awarded Executive Life Membership at the discretion of the Executive during Staff matters. If they believe this too difficult a decision then it will be referred to Union Council.
- Any deductions or additions to Exec Life Membership will be passed through Union Executive and then onto Union Council