

Union Council 2009/10

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Emergency Motions for Union Council on the 10th of June 2010

Motion Emergency

Heading: Exec Lifetime Membership and Honorary Sports/Societies Life Members

Submitted by: Tasneem Siddeeqe

Oral Report to be given.

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Heading:

Submitted by: Oliver Hiscoe (Student), Daniel Harris (Councillor)

Council Notes:

In other students unions sabbatical officers have been fired or forced to resign and then been re-elected

Council Believes:

Once leaving the executive before your term is up, due to bad performance, you should not be allowed a second chance

Council Mandates:

Any member of executive to leave following poor performance is not eligible to run for executive again. (VP Dem and Comms to formalize this into the constitution)

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Heading: Conflict of Interest

Submitted by: Oliver Hiscoe (Student), Daniel Harris (Councillor)

Council Notes:

A "conflict of interest" has long been a subject of controversy and confusion in council.

Council Believes: Whilst many things are not straight forward in such issues, some things are definable

Council Mandates:

A "code of practise" for Union Councillors - Any Councillor voting with a potential financial interest can be immediately removed and subject to being reported where applicable.

Any councillor deemed to not be doing their job, or not acting in the interest of their department, can be subject to a "vote of no confidence" which may be initiated by a fellow councillor, the chair of council, or a student from his or her constituent department.

A simple majority is all that is required.

If the situation seems undemocratically resolvable due to quoracy factors, misrepresentation etc., then the Chair can refer the issue to the Board of Trustees.

Motion Emergency**Heading: Executive Elections Spending Report****Submitted by: Oliver Hiscoe (Student), Daniel Harris (Councillor)****Council Notes:**

Spending in the executive elections has always been particularly high. Successful contested sabbatical campaigns can cost between £400 and £2000.

Council Believes:

Whilst it is getting cheaper year upon year, the price is still unreasonably high.

Council Mandates:

VP: Democracy and Communications (ingoing and out) to produce a report on lowering the cost, in line with the returning officers report, and present both to first council next year with the scope of constitutionally writing a motion that term defining a limit on monetary spending.