

## ARTICLE 6

### UNION COUNCIL

#### 6.0. Function

- 6.1 The function of Union Council shall be as follows:-
- 6.1.1 Represent the voice of the Students.
  - 6.1.2 Debate, discuss and agree Policy, and where appropriate refer Policy to Referenda of the members or to the members in a general meeting or annual general meeting.
  - 6.1.3 In accordance with Article 7, approve and ratify changes to the Bye-laws.
  - 6.1.4 Mandate Full-time Executive Officers and Reps regarding Policy issues.
  - 6.1.5 Instruct and hold to account Full-time Executive Officers and Reps.
  - 6.1.6 Bring a vote of censure or a vote of no confidence against Full-time Executive Officers and Reps where necessary.
  - 6.1.7 Receive reports from Full-time Executive Officers and Reps.
  - 6.1.8 Receive reports from the Trustees.
  - 6.1.9 Ratify External and Student Trustees of the Union.
- 6.2 No member may hold more than one seat on the Union Council at any one time. The composition and proceedings of the Union Council shall be as set out below in Articles 6.2.1 to 6.2.3.

#### 6.2.1. Membership

- 6.2.1.1 Union Council is made up of the following people with voting rights:

6.2.1.1.1	5 Full-time Executive Officers
6.2.1.1.2	42 Reps
6.2.1.1.3	Course Reps
6.2.1.1.4	Clubs & Societies Committee Members

- 6.2.1.2 Union Council may also be attended by the following people with full speaking rights but not voting rights:

6.2.1.2.1	Any full member of the Union
6.2.1.2.2	Guests may be invited to attend to speak on an issue or a Motion.
6.2.1.2.3	The Democracy & Administration Manager (or Nominee) as an ex officio member with automatic speaking rights.

#### 6.2.2 Quoracy

- 6.2.2.1 The quorum for Union Council shall be a minimum of 47 voting members.

#### 6.2.3 Arrangements

- 6.2.3.1 There shall be a minimum of 3 Union Councils each academic year; 1 in Semester 1 and 2 in Semester 2.
- 6.2.3.2 The Chair of Union Council will be the President of the Union. The Deputy Chair will be the Vice President.
- 6.2.3.3 Policy agreed at Union Council will be valid for one year, after this time it will become lapse policy unless agreed by Union Council again.

6.2.3.4 To appeal policy agreed by Union Council must be taken to the Board of Trustees.

6.2.3.5 Emergency Union Council meetings can be called by receipt to the Chair of Union Council a written request by:

6.2.3.5.1 75% of the voting membership of Union Council; or

6.2.3.5.2 10% of current Elected Reps.

6.2.3.6 An Emergency Union Council can only discuss the business for which it was called.

6.2.3.7 Union Council meetings and Emergency Union Council meetings shall be held in accordance with the Articles and the Bye Laws of the Students' Union.