# Bye Law Five: Societies – Proposed Changes

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| **Existing Bye-Law** | **Proposed Bye-Law** |
| 1.1 Societies formed by students at the Ulster University, can apply for affiliation to UUSU, as can those unsuccessful in gaining affiliation to UUSU Sport, and will be subject to the regulations of UUSU. | 1.1 Societies formed by students at the Ulster University, should apply for affiliation to UUSU, and will be subject to the regulations of UUSU. |
| 1.2 All Societies shall be bound by the regulations contained within this Bye-law and the Societies Handbook which shall be reviewed annually by the relevant staff member and in conjunction with the Societies representatives and Student Executive representative and amended if desired. | 1.2 All Societies shall be bound by the regulations contained within this Bye-law and the Societies Handbook, which shall be reviewed annually in conjunction with the Societies representatives and delegated officers from the Student Executive and amended as required. |
| 2.1 Society open meetings on each campus will be called when deem required by the Student Activities Team or Campus Vice-President. These will act as general meetings and are to include all Societies. Open meetings are to be chaired by a UUSU Student Officer or member of staff. Relevant information from this meeting should be included in the report to Student Council. | 2.1 Society Forums on each campus will be scheduled once a semester or when deem required by the Student Activities Team or Campus Vice-President. Society Forums act as general meetings and are to include all Societies. Forums are to be chaired by a UUSU Student Officer or member of staff. Relevant information from this meeting should be included in the report to Student Council. |
| 4.1 Membership of the committee will be: 4.1.1 The Societies Co-ordinator; 4.1.2 The Volunteering and Events Co-ordinator; 4.1.3 The Student Activities Manager; 4.1.4 The elected campus societies representatives; 4.1.5 The appointed Student Council member and; 4.1.6 The Vice President for Magee, Coleraine and Belfast respectfully | 4.1 Membership of the committee will be: 4.1.1 The Societies Co-ordinator; 4.1.2 The Volunteering and Events Co-ordinator;  4.1.3 The elected campus societies representatives; 4.1.4 The appointed Student Council member and; 4.1.5 The Vice President for Magee, Coleraine and Belfast respectfully |
| 4.2.1 Affiliating new societies to UUSU. Affiliations will only be considered on receipt of the Student Society start up form, and all relevant information on committee members. Two societies with the same objectives cannot be ratified on one campus; | 4.2.1 Affiliating new societies to UUSU. Affiliations will only be considered on receipt of the Student Society start up form. Two societies with the same objectives cannot be ratified on one campus; |
| 4.2.2 Approving budget processes and allocations, delegating to UUSU staff where appropriate; | 4.2.2 Providing oversight of budget processes and allocations; |
| 4.3 The elected Societies representative will, in conjunction with the elected Student Executive members, sit on Student Council and be responsible for reporting all affiliations and financial reports relating to society spending. | 4.3 The appointed Student Council member will, in conjunction with the elected Student Executive members, sit on Student Council and be responsible for reporting all affiliations and financial reports relating to society spending. |
| 5.1.1 Providing support for society events; | 5.1.1 Championing the value of societies, advocating and representing the collective voice of societies within UUSU and Ulster University; |
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| 5.1.2 Leading Society open meetings and reporting accordingly as required. | 5.1.2 Leading Society Forum meetings and reporting accordingly as required. |
| 6.2.8 The Office Bearers and their method of Election, who must include a chairperson, a secretary and a treasurer. | 6.2.8 The Office Bearers, who must include a chairperson, a secretary and a treasurer. |
| 6.7 Any society from which UUSU withdraws official recognition, shall, from the date of withdrawal of recognition, be ineligible for a grant from the funds of UUSU. | 6.7 Any society from which UUSU withdraws official recognition, shall, from the date of withdrawal of recognition, can no longer avail of any of the benefits of being a constituted society. |
| 6.8 If a society has been inactive (i.e. no committee, membership or events) for a period of two academic years it will be deemed to have ceased to exist. | 6.8 If a society is deemed to have been inactive (i.e. no membership, engagement or events) for a period of six weeks it will be raised formally with Societies Managment Committee who will act in line with Appendix 5 on Inactive Societies. |
| Insert New 6.9 | 6.9 If a society has been inactive or without a committee for two academic years it will have ceased to exist. |
| 6.9 Within these two years, if a committee of three members wish to re-activate the society this is permissible. However, following this period the society will cease to exist and will be required to re-constitute. | 6.10 Within these two years, if a committee of three members wish to re-activate the society this is permissible. However, following this period the society will cease to exist and will be required to re-affiliate. |
| 6.10 In the event of a society ceasing to exist, UUSU may decide what happens to any unused funds. | 6.11 In the event of a society ceasing to exist, UUSU may decide what happens to any unused funds. |
| 7.1 The overall budget for societies will be decided upon by the UUSU Trustee Board and administered by the UUSU Societies Management Committee. | 7.1 The overall budget for societies will be decided upon by the UUSU Trustee Board and administered by the Societies Management Team with oversight from the UUSU Societies Management Committee. |
| 7.3 Should additional funding become available for societies outside of the standard funding streams, additional guidelines and processes for how to access this will be approved by Societies Management Committee and dispersed to committee members. | 7.3 Should additional funding become available for societies outside of the standard funding streams, additional guidelines and processes for how to access this will be shared by Societies Management Committee and dispersed to committee members. |
| 7.4 No student Society shall be eligible to receive money from UUSU funds unless it has: Elected officers, consisting at least of a Chairperson/President, Secretary, Treasurer, who must be students currently registered at the Ulster University and drawn up a Constitution which must be approved by UUSU. | 7.4 No student Society shall be eligible to receive money from UUSU funds unless it has: Elected officers, consisting at least of a Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer, who must be students currently registered at the Ulster University and drawn up a Constitution which must be approved by UUSU. |
| 7.5.1 In May of each year a financial statement of its activities during the preceding year is prepared, or at any time as is required by representatives of UUSU; | Remove – Move all items up! |
| 7.5.3 No unauthorised expenditure by UUSU is undertaken; | 7.5.3 No unauthorised expenditure is undertaken; |
| 7.6 All Societies shall bank with a bank designated by UUSU and UUSU shall not be held liable for any overdrafts or debts incurred in the private accounts operated by any Society. | 7.6 All Societies shall lodge funds with UUSU who will lodge with the designated bank. UUSU shall not be held liable for any overdrafts or debts incurred in the private accounts operated by any Society. |

6.3 Membership of student Societies must be open to all registered students of the Ulster University. Up to 20% of society members may be non-UU members but may not hold office.-