# Bye-Law 5 Societies Regulations – Proposed Changes

## Introduction

This element of the document should be considered as a support document alongside the final draft presented documents for the associated bye-laws. Each section outlines changes to sections within the applicable bye-law, outlining the existing element on the left with the new proposed amendment on the right.

## Bye-Law Five

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| **Existing Element** | **Proposed Element** |
| 3.1 All society members will be eligible via a cross campus vote to elect a committee member of a society to represent members on Student Council. This member will be elected via the society constituency and as part of the wider Student Council election process. | 3.1 All society members will be eligible via a cross campus vote to elect a society rep of a society to represent members on Student Council. This member will be elected via the society constituency and as part of the wider Student Council election process. |
| 6.1 Application for affiliation to UUSU should be made by the prospective committee. Upon affiliation, a copy of a formal Constitution must be lodged with the UUSU Societies Coordinator. Affiliations will take place at a meeting of the Society Management Committee where upon the members will decide upon ratification of affiliation. | 6.1 Application for affiliation to UUSU should be made by the prospective society reps. Upon affiliation, a copy of a formal Constitution must be lodged with the UUSU Societies Coordinator. Affiliations will take place at a meeting of the Society Management Committee where upon the members will decide upon ratification of affiliation. |
| 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 Events and Activities Rep, a Communications Rep, a Finance Rep and a EDI and Wellbeing Rep. |
| 6.6 Committee members will be responsible for upholding the UUSU bye laws and values when conducting society business and reporting when aware any breaches of rules or regulations by members to a member of UUSU staff. | 6.6 Society Reps will be responsible for upholding the UUSU bye laws and values when conducting society business and reporting when aware any breaches of rules or regulations by members to a member of UUSU staff. |
|  | New Item - 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 Management Committee who will act in line with Appendix 5 on Inactive Societies.  (Subsequent items move by one number) |
| 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. | 6.9If a society has been inactive or without a full complement of society reps for a period of two academic years it will be deemed to 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 full complement of four society reps 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. |
| 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 Student Activities 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 the appropriate society reps. |
| 8.1 Society Committee members are bound by the Office Bearers code of conduct and subsequent procedures as defined by the relevant bye-laws. | 8.1 Society Reps and all members of a Society are bound by the member code of conduct and subsequent procedures as defined by the relevant bye-laws. |
| New Item | 8.2 The code of conduct can be applied to Society members as individuals or as a collective depending on the circumstances. |
|  | 8.3 On occasion where a breach of process or procedure is escalated to the Societies Management Committee and considered to be very low level, and a one-off instance, rather than direct this to the formal process this Committee may decide to impose a localised sanction. |
|  | 8.4 An example of a low-level breach would be holding an event that wasn’t approved or bringing an unapproved person onto campus, but ultimately the Societies Management Committee will take a decision on whether a local sanction can apply. |
|  | 8.5 Local Sanctions can include, but are not exclusive to include:  8.5.1 Temporary pause of a Society/individual membership of Society.  8.5.1 Temporary moratorium on holding events.  8.5.3 Temporary pause of funding. |