

Motion to Change Bye-Law 3

Council Notes:

- That the addition of an online system to allow ideas to be added throughout the year and to receive reports from Sabbatical and Volunteer Officers is a good one.
- Despite this a number of the changed bye-laws contain elements that give the office of Union President unfair powers with no separate check on them. These include the ability to remove votes on reports for 'vexatious (annoying)' comments and publicly reveal who voted against them.
- Other changes also apply unfair voting rules on the reports, meaning that a negative vote is inherently harder to obtain than a positive one due to net vote rules.
- Many of the resolutions below were discussed by the proposer at the All Student Meeting prior to the summer break but the meeting fell below quoracy before they could be voted on.

Council Believes:

- That no one individual should have the ability to interfere with voting procedures, especially when that power extends to votes against themselves.
- That voting systems marketed as anonymous should remain so regardless of voting outcome.
- That as with most votes in the Union, Officer reports should be a simple majority ruling whether Approve or Disprove has the most votes.

Council Resolves:

- Bye-Laws 3.2.3.3 and 3.3.3.3 is altered to say "Any report receiving a net vote of minus one (-1) vote or fewer as at 17:00 on the day falling 7 (seven) days from publication, shall be disapproved"
- The University of Lincoln Student's Union shall create the honorary post of "Eternal Leader", which holds no power or wage, to be held by Michael Kieron Daniell from the approval of this Motion to the end of time itself.
- Bye-Law 3.2.3.4 and 3.3.3.4, shall be removed and replaced with "All votes and comments shall be anonymous. If and only if the Volunteer or Sabbatical Officer who submitted the report has reasonable belief that a comment is discriminatory or vexatious they may appeal to the Executive who will decide if the comment breaches the Student Code of Conduct and Student's Union Zero Tolerance Policy. If the comment is found to be in breach of these then

the comment shall be removed and student who made the comment will be informed of this decision.”

- Bye-Laws 3.2.3.5 and 3.3.3.5 shall be removed as they are rendered obsolete by the above amendment.

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