

Summary: this resolution aims to making easier for international students to take part in our elections

2059 Advertising The Leadership Race more effectively to International Students Passed 23 February 2017

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Union Notes:

1. International students comprise of one-third of the student population
2. Out of the 18 UEA|SU's 2016/17 officers, only 3 are international students, none being a FTO
3. Out of 17 UEA|SU's 2015/16 officers, only 3 were international students, one being a FTO
4. For an equal representation of international students within SOC, there should at least be between 5-6 internationals within SOC
5. Most international students do not engage with the Union because they feel, either:
 - a. Under-represented
 - b. Do not feel acknowledged
 - c. Do not believe the Union concerns them
 - d. Do not know what a students' union is
6. The Leadership Race for officer elections is not well advertised to international students
7. International students whose first language is not English find it more difficult to wrap their head around what students' unions do and what they are
8. Students who do not come from democratic countries do not know/are not well versed in the process of democratic elections

Union Believes:

1. That international students should be equally represented within SOC
2. That international students should be given a fair chance at running for an officer position
3. That international students should be well informed of what UEA|SU is, what it does, and how it helps students and beyond
4. That the international community should become more engaged with UEA|SU altogether
5. Last year, the 'Yes She Can' campaign resulted in significant increases in women running in The Leadership Race 'Yes She Can' campaign included various workshops targeted at those identifying as women wanting to run for a Leadership position

Union Resolves:

1. To request that the returning officer considers the following:

- a. Advertising The Leadership Race for student officers should be advertised all around campus, and should be accessible and understandable to all students from different backgrounds - including in multiple languages
2. Multi-lingual volunteers at AdviceSU to be trained to advertise The Leadership Race in their designated language to second-language-English-speaking students seeking extra-curricular jobs
3. Multi-lingual volunteers at Advice|SU to be trained to explain what UEA|SU is and does thoroughly to students seeking their help
4. To host workshops targeted at international students who are interested in running for The Leadership Race as well as those interested in developing general leadership skills
5. Within 'Bursting the Union Bubble' officers should also make sure students know of their roles, what they do, and what they represent so students are more aware of what SOC is and does

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