# **Bye-Law 3: Liberations Societies and Assemblies**

## **Graduate Assembly**

3.1 There shall be a Graduate Assembly which shall include as members those students registered on a Postgraduate programme of study.

## **Graduate Assembly Meetings**

- 3.1.1 Assembly meetings, which will be open meetings of all Postgraduate students, will be entitled to form, deliberate upon and determine Assembly policy in accordance with regulations based on those of Byelaw 2: Code of Conduct for Union Meetings and approved by an Assembly meeting.
- 3.1.2 The Graduate Assembly shall have the power to send policy recommendations to Union Council, should at any stage the assembly wish to form, alter or lapse any existing UUEAS policy.
- 3.1.3 The Graduate Assembly shall elect a chair for the academic year who shall be responsible for impartially chairing meetings and compiling any necessary papers.
- 3.1.4 The Graduate Assembly shall meet at least twice per semester and may, at the discretion of the Chair, hold additional meetings during the examination period and the summer.
- 3.1.5 The Graduate Assembly shall have the power to pass motions of censure and commendation in members of the Student Officer Committee in relation to their work as it relates to Postgraduate students.
- 3.1.6 The Graduate Assembly shall have the power to pass motions of no confidence in members of the Postgraduate Committee. Any member of the Postgraduate Committee who is subject to a successful motion of no confidence shall cease to hold office on the Postgraduate Committee with immediate effect. A motion of no confidence shall require a two thirds majority of voting members present at a quorate meeting of the assembly.
- 3.1.7 The Graduate Assembly shall have the power to pass motions of no confidence in the Postgraduate Education Officer by a 2/3rds

majority of attendees at a Graduate Assembly meeting that has a special quorum of 2.5% of the eligible membership.

- 3.1.8 The Graduate Assembly may elect 5 members who shall sit on both Union Council and the Postgraduate Committee.
- 3.1.9 The Graduate Assembly may elect one member to sit on the UUEAS Board of Trustees.

3.1.10 There shall be a quorum of 20 members.

#### **Liberations Societies**

- 3.2 The Liberation Societies will have a role and function as set out in the Articles. They shall organise and structure themselves as they see fit, save that:
  - 3.2.1 their membership shall be automatically allocated to all students self-defining into that group;
  - 3.2.1 they shall approve rules governing their society by referendum and in proposing those rules will have a duty to ensure intersectionality;
  - 3.2.2 they may recognise Societies that are a constituent part of that wider Liberation Society and
  - 3.2.3 they may recognise associate societies whose membership or purpose has a direct link to that Liberation Group.

#### Assemblies

- 3.3 The Assemblies will have a role and function as set out in the Articles. They shall organise and structure themselves as they see fit, save that:
  - 3.3.1 their membership shall be automatically allocated to all students entitled to be part of that group except
  - 3.3.2 in the case of the postgraduate assembly, they shall approve rules governing their society by referendum and in proposing those rules will have a duty to ensure intersectionality.

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