

J.16-23 A Motion to Establish an Executive Societies Committee

This SSC and SRC notes that:

1. It is very difficult to do society business in outside of teaching time.
2. Society grants, affiliation and other inquiries are often time sensitive.
3. While the DoSDA and Societies Officer are expected to fulfil their duties from their election to the following election week, they should not act alone on behalf of the Societies committee.

This SSC and SRC believes that:

1. Having an executive committee would facilitate getting society business done outside of teaching time.
2. Having an executive committee that can meet when the rest of the Societies Committee is unable to meet will facilitate helping societies with important or time sensitive.
3. Having an executive committee comprised of the SSC Societies Officer, Director of Student Development & Activities, Grants Officer, Elections Officer, Affiliations Officer and Secretary would be adequately representative of the Societies Committee.

This SSC and SRC resolves to:

1. Establish an Executive Societies Committee, as outlined in the proposed changes to the association laws (see Appendix A) and Societies Committee SROs (see Appendix B) to act out of teaching time on behalf of the whole Societies Committee.

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Appendix A: Proposed Association Law Changes

1.3 Committee and Executive Meetings

1.3.1 The Societies Committee shall meet weekly in term time, excluding pre-sessional and revision week, at other times when necessary.

1.3.2 During pre-sessional and revision week, the SSC Societies Officer may convene the executive committee (Exec) to discuss urgent or important society business on behalf of the rest of the Societies committee.

1.3.2.1 Exec shall include the SSC Societies Officer (as chair and convener), Director of Student Development & Activities, Grants Officer, Elections Officer, Affiliations Officer and Secretary.

1.3.2.2 Exec meetings may be held over email or other online means of communication.

1.3.2.3 Quorum of responses from a 4/5 majority must be met.

1.3.2.4 Exec must circulate an agenda and subsequent minutes of their decisions to the rest of the committee.

1.3.2.4.1 Any non-exec member of the societies Committee may participate in Exec communications.

1.3.2.4.2 The SSC Societies Officer must report all the decisions made by exec at the first re-assembly of the entire Societies Committee

1.4 Annual General Meeting

Appendix B: Proposed Changes to the SSC Societies Committee Special Rules of Order

8. Meetings of the Committee

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8.2.1 Exec shall include the SSC Societies Officer (as chair and convener), Director of Student Development & Activities, Grants Officer, Elections Officer, Affiliations Officer and Secretary.

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