



**Papers for Students' Association
Executive Committee
Tuesday 17th of November
6pm - MS Teams**

Contents of Papers:

1. Association Councils Review

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Aims of this review, Principals of what we are trying to achieve:

- Make the maintenance of the laws more straightforward
- Simplifying operation of Association Councils for students to understand to enable increased engagement and transparency
- Making it more efficient/streamlined for Councillors to make councils positions more accessible and focused
- Reduce number of procedural motions (such as minor constitutional changes) coming to councils for consideration, particularly SSC.
- Determine what needs to be in the laws
- Remove sense of hierarchy around Association positions and other positions

Ideas:

- Change the SSC to the less formal Students Services Forum (SSF), chaired by the Association Chair. SSF would have no decision-making power beyond carve ups to exec, discipline etc but would be a forum for collaboration and discussion between heads of SSC subcommittees.
- Constitutions held by services subcommittees independently with oversight from the SAEC. Constitutions but fulfil certain basic criteria and if councillors wanted to change their constitution, these constitutional changes would approve by SAEC in the form of a motion. *Or at AGM with ratification from councils? (depends on level of central control desired)*
- Association Positions would be changed to SRC positions with some role descriptions requiring some adjustment to refocus on representation.
- Change the number of meetings per semester, to one per month for SRC meeting and twice a semester for SSF.
- Open forum meetings 1 per year/semester for all members with required attendance from SRC and SSF for updates and open discussion (would serve as AGM)
- Remove Chapter 9: Rectoral Heckling. This has become irrelevant as the University Court sets the election rules.
- Update the SA Standing Orders and SA Constitution in accordance with the changes that have been made in the laws

Road Map:

- Bring to the SAEC for the first time on the 17th November, with a wider discussion.
- Dec-Feb: Association Chair and Association President to work on the chapters that would need updated to reflect these changes.
- Bring to SAEC for approval on 16th February
- Bring it to Joint Councils on the 23rd February
- Take it for approval by SA Board on the 17th March