

Changes to the Constitution: Summary

A paper by the President

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- Some clearing up of definitions
- Executive Committee should be able to pass operational policy not directly relating to policy passed by Union Council. All policies passed by Executive Committee must be reported to Council and can be overturned.
- Referenda can now be held on more issues, but require the consent of ten percent of the student body rather than five percent.
- The Entertainments Committee has now been added as a standing committee of the Union.
- The Trustee Board is now obliged to receive the yearly budget.
- The Court now has Five Full members (students) instead of six. This makes the total of Court 9 people. Each Faculty has a place reserved from amongst the Five Full members.
- The role of the Union Advocate is included in the Constitution, as a link between the Court and the student body.
- Reference to the NUS and ULU delegates is removed entirely as we are not members and even if we should re-join, this does not need to be included in a Constitution.
- Executive Committee now has control over election timetables – previously this was Council
- Allowing campaign material for elections to be placed in line of sight and six metres of ballot boxes – previously this wasn't allowed, but now that any computer or phone is a ballot box this is unworkable.
- Candidates are now allowed to 'loiter within 10 metres of a ballot box' – something also unworkable; we have changed the wording so that candidates are not allowed to influence people when they are voting.
- The allocation of funds stipulated in Regulation 5 has been reworded to reflect reality.
- RAG and CAG have been moved so that they receive funding from CSB rather than RWB.
- The Colours Committee has been updated to include representatives from RWB; previously it was purely the Sabbaticals, FU Presidents and CSB.
- The officers of the GSA have been updated to reflect reality.
- The financial regulation (8) has had several large changes. The Management Group specific HSTs have been removed and will be replaced with several Union Honorary Senior Treasurers.
 - The limits for signing off have also been amended. Any financially responsible officer can sign off expenditure up to £20. For club expenditure from £20-£1000, either the Management Group Chair or Treasurer must also counter-sign. For Management Group expenditure from £20-£1000 both the Management Group Chair and Treasurer must sign. The Union President and a Union Honorary Senior Treasurer must sign off expenditure above £1000.
 - Managers must now seek approval from the Operations Manager or the DPFS for expenditure above £5000 (previously £10,000) – this is due to an external recommendation.