

## **24. THE UNIVERSITY OF BATH STUDENTS' UNION (THE SU)**

### Definitions

(a) In this Ordinance:

'The SU' means The University of Bath Students' Union.

'Articles of Governance, Bye-Laws and Regulations' means the Articles of Governance, Bye-Laws and Regulations of the SU.

'SU Officers' means the SU Officers defined by Article 11 of the Articles of Governance.

'Education Act 1994' means Part II of the Education Act 1994.

(b) Words defined in the Charter, Statutes or elsewhere in the Ordinances will have the same meaning in this Ordinance unless the context be repugnant thereto.

### **Constitution**

**24.1** The written constitution of the SU is set out in the Articles of Governance. Major amendments to the Articles of Governance, such as would substantially alter their meaning, require the approval of the membership of the SU and the University Council. Minor amendments, such as changes in terminology, may be effected by the Board of Trustees of the SU with approval from University Council. The Articles of Governance will be reviewed by the Board of Trustees of the SU and the University Council at intervals of no more than five years.

**24.2** The affairs of the SU will be conducted in a manner consistent with the Articles of Governance, Bye-Laws and Regulations and the Charter, Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations of the University and no decision or action of the SU or of its trustees, staff, committees, sub-groups, clubs or societies may purport to override any provisions of the Articles of Governance, Bye-Laws and Regulations or the Charter, Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations of the University.

### **Membership**

**24.3** All persons who are registered students as defined by the University of Bath will be members of the SU. Any such person must notify the SU President and the University Secretary in writing if they wish to exercise their right not to be a member of the SU. Those who exercise this right will not be unfairly disadvantaged, with regard to the provision of services or otherwise, by reason of their having done so.

## **Sabbatical Trustees**

- 24.4** The SU Officers of the SU will be elected by secret ballot of the members of the SU. The election will be held in accordance with the Bye-Laws and Regulations which will ensure that the elections are fair and properly conducted.
- 24.5** A student elected as an SU Officer will suspend their academic studies during their period of office with the permission of Senate. A period for which such suspension is granted will be known as a Presidential Year.
- 24.6** A student to whom a Presidential Year is granted will normally be expected to remain in residence on the University campus at Bath for the full academic session, unless deprived of office, and will undertake not to accept any other employment, whether paid or unpaid, during the period of office without the permission of the Vice-Chancellor. Where exceptionally an SU Officer is not in residence on the University campus at Bath, no financial assistance for the purpose of defraying additional accommodation costs will normally be payable. In recognition of the additional burden placed upon SU Officers while in residence at the University, no rental charges for their University accommodation will be made.
- 24.7** During a Presidential Year an SU Officer will, notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance, remain a member of the University as a student subject to the Charter, Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations and Rules of the University and will rank as an ordinary member of the Students' Union and will have the privileges and responsibilities of a registered full-time student, save that a Presidential Officer will not be required to pay any fee.
- 24.8** The maximum total term that an SU Officer may serve is twenty four months.

## **Code of Practice**

- 24.9** The University Council will prepare and issue, and when necessary revise, a code of practice as to the manner in which the requirements of the Education Act 1994 are to be carried into effect in relation to the SU, setting out details of the arrangements made to secure its observance.
- 24.10** The University Council will bring to the attention of all students at least once a year:
- a) matters specified by Section 22(4) of the Education Act 1994;
  - b) matters specified by Section 22(5) of the Education Act 1994.

The information at b) will also be included in any information which is generally made available to persons considering whether to become students of the University.

## **Affiliation to External Organisations**

- 24.11** If the SU decides to affiliate to an external organisation, it will be in accordance with the requirements of Sections 22(2)(k) to (l) of the Education Act 1994.

## **Complaints Procedure**

**24.12** There will be a complaints procedure available to all students or groups in accordance with Section 22(2)(m) and (n) of the Education Act 1994.

Approved by Council  
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