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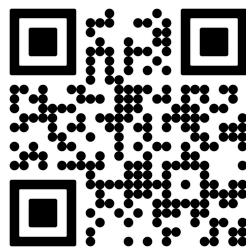
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Changes to Your Students' Union Democratic Structures

We are proposing changes to the way we run to improve how we represent you, and we want to know what you think



What's Changing?

Now	Proposed Changes	Why?
4 Paid Full Time Student Presidents and 8 volunteer School Officers	2 Paid Full Time 5 Paid Part Time Student Presidents, one per school, and one for London (funding contingent)	To encourage a president team which truly represents our diverse students
Any student can nominate themselves for election	A selection panel will approve students who a. have been involved in student union activity for at least a term and b. demonstrate communication skills.	To ensure that those elected have the tools to be successful as they work for students.
Students' Union Executive Committee is the 4 presidents	The Executive Committee will include all new president roles, PGR Rep, Society and Liberation Group Rep	To ensure diverse voices are part of the central work of organising the Students' Union
Student Council is made up of student reps meeting 4 times a year.	Replaced by School Assemblies which meet 4 times a year, led by the school student presidents.	Because most issues raised by students at Student Council are course or school level concerns
Academic Societies operate entirely separately from representation work	Include academic societies in representation work by including them in school assemblies.	To include and recognise the already existing knowledge and work of academic societies
No campus specific forums to discuss campus issues	Creation of campus assemblies open to all students from those campuses	To empower students to participate in improving their campus experience
Any student can submit policy ideas, vote online and suggest changes. Student council members vote to pass or reject.	Any student can submit an idea or policy idea online, this will be reviewed and refined by a policy forum, agreed by executive committee, and then ratified at the Annual General Meeting	To improve the quality of policy and allow more time for discussion and refinement

This booklet is a short introduction to the proposed changes. Read the proposal and FAQs in more detail on our website

