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## Special Resolution: Governance Committee Changes.

### **This Union Notes:**

- 1) The 2006 Charities Act.
- 2) The new constitution.
- 3) The need to update the standing orders to ensure “the smooth management and running of the unions infrastructure”
- 4) That governance committee is charged to revise and amend the standing orders.

### **This Union Believes:**

- 1) The attached appendix represents practical changes to improve the running of the union.
- 2) The attached appendix will reinforce and clarify common practice.
- 3) The attached changes clarify points which before have caused debate and argument/
- 4) The attached makes the union more accessible.

### **This Union Resolves:**

- 1) To accept the suggested changes to the Standing Orders.

1. Emergency Motions (section: 3.VII.D.4.)

Insert "*with the support of ten seconders from the floor.*" at the end of sentence.

2. Procedural Motion: Parts (section: 3.XI.A.6.)

Insert "*Once the matter has been fully debated,*" at the beginning of the sentence "*The meeting will then move straight to the vote to decide whether those parts are passed.*"

3. Quorum for Standing Committees (5.I.)

Insert the following two points,

- *Standing Committees except Establishment and Governance Committees which have not elected sufficient members for quoracy, the current members can meet as a discussion group to advise Union Council on its remit.*
- *Standing Committees which have not elected sufficient members for quoracy after a by-election for members shall co-opt members of Union Council to fill any vacant positions in the directly elected students membership category, in order to meet the quorum level provided above.*

Amend 5.I.J. to read "*No student member of Union Council, except sabbatical officers and those elected or co-opted from council shall be members of Finance Committee.*"

4. Standing Committees and formal rules of debate (section: 5.I.O. & 5.I.)

5.I.O. Insert "*, at the discretion of the Chair or by a simple majority of those members present.*" at the end of the last sentence.

5.I. Add the following point "*Members of Standing Committees not satisfied with the conduct of the meeting may report the matter to Union Council.*"

5. Returning Officer (section: 7.I.D. & 6.XVI.)

- Replace 7.I.D. with "*The Returning Officer shall be appointed by the Elections Committee and shall not be a member of UCL staff, UCLU staff nor a student registered at UCL.*"
- Delete 6.XVI.C.2 in its entirety.

6. No Confidence Motions (section: 8.II.A & 8.II.B)

Amend 8.II.A.1 to read "*No-confidence motions may be submitted to Union Council or to a General Meeting. A no-confidence motion must specify in which of these forums it is to be debated and be submitted to the General Secretary and any Sabbatical Officer.*"

Amend 8.II.B.1 to read "*No-confidence motions may be submitted to Union Council. A no-confidence motion must be submitted to the General Secretary and any Sabbatical Officer.*"

7. Extraordinary General Meetings – calling (9.II.H.)

- Delete 9.II.H.1 in its entirety.
- Amend reference of 2% to 1% at 9.II.H.4

8. Extraordinary General Meetings – timing (9.II.I.)

Amend 9.II.I to read *“Governance Committee should hold an emergency meeting to consider the request within seven days of receiving the request as outlined above. An EGM must be held within seven days of being referred to by the Governance Committee.”*

9. Unconsidered motions (section: 3.VII.F.)

3.VII.F.1 Amend to read *“If a motion has not finished being debated by the end of a meeting, the motion will be referred to the next available meeting of Union Council or a General Meeting where appropriate.”*

3.VII.F.2 Delete the words *“at the meeting”* at the end of the sentence.

10. Order of Business for General Meetings (section: 9.IV.A–C)

- Insert clause for point D to read *“Governance Committee may recommend the order of business to the meeting, except in the case of Announcements and Acceptance of the Agenda which shall take precedence over all other business.”*
- Replace references to *“order of business”* in 9.IV.A, B and C with *“business to be covered”*.

11. Governance Committee terms of reference (section: 5.IV.F.4)

Amend to read *“Verify the factual accuracy, legality and consistency with regards the Constitution of all motions (including special resolutions and emergency motions) submitted for discussion at General Meetings, Union Council, and referenda.”*