

Council  
16<sup>th</sup> December 2008

## **International Students' Officer Amendment**

A note by the President

At the last council a paper was passed to create an International Students Officer.

In regard to how the officer was elected, it was decided that the position should only be voted for by non-UK students.

With the amendment in the constitution under 4B adding point 13 which read

***"Voting for the International officer will be restricted to International (non-UK) students only. All full members of the Union can stand."***

Although it was confirmed that it was possible to distinguish between international fee paying students and non international fee paying students prior to the amendment being passed, after full investigation we have discovered that the fee status data that we get from registry is incomplete and if we had enquiries about whether or not an individual was able to vote, we wouldn't have anything to check it against.

### **Matter for decision:**

To amend the constitution to remove point 13 under B. Eligibility to Participate, under Regulation Four – Elections and Referenda.

This would revert the constitution to how it was before allowing all full members of the Union standing and voting rights in elections unless otherwise prescribed (4B, point 9).

Thus allowing all members of the Union to vote in the International Students' Officer election.