

**Council Standing for Union Council and Sub Committees**  
**A Paper by Tom Wheeler – President**

We were mandated by AH to look at the current Standing Orders for Council and its Sub-Committees. Paul Beaumont, Becca Coxhead and I met to pull apart certain aspects of these including:

- Which functions of which committees were or were not fit for purpose
- The financial procedures that required the existence of Executive Committee
  - *Exec's workflow indicates that it is no longer fit for purpose*

We also highlighted and discussed the following issues:

- ERB & CWB should work on paper, but suffers from limited engagement
- CWB is asked to make financial decision but consists of untrained volunteers, and is regularly inquorate
- CSPB is at capacity and is at risk of becoming unmanageable for both volunteers and DPCS/DPAD
- Council was inquorate several times last year
- There is an unclear flow of discussion/policy development through Union Councils & Committees
  - *i.e.: should something go straight to Council or to a sub-committee first?*
- There is an imbalance of workload between student volunteers within the Union

No immediate solutions were found, however the following suggestions were made:

- Decrease the size of Council
- Disband Exec
- Investigate potential alterations to CSPB