

Motion to Update the Council Standing Orders

Proposer: Lloyd James (Council Chair)

Seconder: Abhijay P. Sood (Union President)

Union Notes:

1. The Standing Orders of Council outline the rules and procedures which guide the running of Council and its subcommittees.
2. It is standard practice for the Standing Orders to be revised at the start of each Academic Year by the Council Chair.
3. A proposed set of new Standing Orders, developed by the Council Chair, are presented in item 4B, with appendices 4C and 4D.
4. Major changes relative to previous SOs:
 - a. Significantly condensed (from 5,100 words to 1,800, excl. appendices), removing redundancy, verbosity, and over-specificity of processes.
 - b. The Chair's interpretation of the SOs may be challenged directly by Council, rather than appealed to the President.
 - c. SOs are now to be amended like any other Policy, not according to a special procedure.
 - d. Voting occurs only if a consensus view is not established.
 - e. Certain kinds of procedural vote (e.g. to immediately move to a vote) may be done by show of hands.
 - f. Certain powers of Council are now listed explicitly.
 - g. Where multiple individuals share a role, the vote is now to be delegated to one individual at a given meeting, rather than only cast if those multiple individuals agree.
 - h. Standing Orders now exist for the new subcommittees: Governance and Identity Board, Services and Sustainability Board, and Sport Hub Exec.

Union Resolves:

- To adopt the Standing Orders and its appendices, items 4B-4D.