

Motion to Amend the Standing Orders: Subcommittee Composition

Proposer: Lloyd James, Council Chair

Seconded: Michaela Flegrová, RCSU Vice-President (Education)

Union Notes:

1. That Council was brought to the January meeting an updated set of Standing Orders, which included changes to the composition of subcommittees.
2. That these changes reduced the voting membership of CWB and ERB (removing Departmental Reps), in order to prevent these meetings from being regularly inquorate.
3. That Council rejected the amended ERB membership, citing a lack of consultation of ERB.
4. That the Council Chair led a discussion at the subsequent meeting of ERB, seeking alternatives to the proposed amendments. No acceptable alternatives were found, and accordingly ERB endorsed the original proposal. ERB noted in particular that it could hold indicative votes on issues, including all non-voting members, the results of which the committee would agree to endorse.
5. Another proposed change to the composition of both ERB and CWB was the removal of the Officer Trustees (excluding the sub-committee Chairs) as voting members. This proposal was adopted for CWB and not ERB.
6. That OTs rarely attend Council sub-committees other than those they chair, and so almost always count adversely against quorum.

Union Believes:

1. That the proper functioning of Council subcommittees requires that they are regularly able to attain quoracy.
2. That the removal of Departmental Reps from the voting membership of ERB is therefore necessary to ensure the good working of this meeting.
3. That the removal of Officer Trustees from the voting memberships of those sub-committees they don't chair will assist in ensuring the regular quoracy of all sub-committees.

Union Resolves:

1. To adopt the revised version of Standing Orders Appendix B, included here as an appendix.