Student Council Motion: **To amend the student union by laws regarding elections (By law 5).**

Proposer: **Wesley Hudson**
Seconded: **Debbie Doyle**
Date: **20/11/15**

Student Council Notes:

The Students' Union has dealt with a number of cases this academic year which have invoked investigations and the disciplinary process and, in some cases, students have had their rights of membership to the union suspended and reviewed.

Student Council Believes:

That the role of part-time and full-time office is a crucial one and that representation is at the heart of what the union exists for as an educational charity. Individuals who put themselves forward for election should do so with the right intentions and with an appropriate history of conduct and integrity at the University. The union needs to protect its reputation within the institution and across its membership in order to fight and lobby for the rights of students.

Student Council Resolves:

That the following should be added to Bye Law 5 (Elections):

If an individual has been through the formal disciplinary process with either the University or the Union and, as a result of that, receives a final written warning from either, they will be ineligible to stand in any Union election for the rest of that academic year or for 6 months, whichever is longer.

If an individual is banned from the Union and its premises and/or has their rights of membership removed for a period of less than 6 months, they will be ineligible to stand for the entire period in which they are banned / have had their rights removed plus 6 months from the date that the ban /removal of rights will end.

If an individual is banned from the Union and its premises or has their rights of membership removed for a period of 6 months or more, they will be ineligible to stand indefinitely.

For clarity, for the purposes of nominations for an election, an individual will become eligible to nominate themselves for the election as of 00.01am on the date that the sanction ends.

Signed by Proposer   Signed by Seconder