

Student Council Motion Proposal

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Summary:

This policy enables the University of Worcester Postgraduate Research (PGR) Network to affiliate to the Students' Union. It proposes that during the governance review period it runs as a pilot project subject to the bye-laws for societies with some exceptions.

Student Council Notes the Following Facts:

- PGR students have a student experience that differs significantly from undergraduate (UG) and postgraduate taught (PGT) students.
- PGR engagement in the SU is low
- The PGR Network (formerly society) has not affiliated to the SU for a number of years largely because it feels the SU society structure does not fit its model
- The PGR Network struggles with engagement and would like SU support
- The Research School is willing to provide funding for the Network
- The SU is currently undergoing a Governance Review which includes society and student group rules and regulations
- The Network committee members have a formal role to play in the PGR Academic Representation System which sets them apart from society committee members.

Student Council Holds the Viewpoint That:

- The PGR Network should be allowed to affiliate to the SU
- As the Governance Review is ongoing it should run as pilot until the review is completed

- During this pilot period it will be a recognised Student Group separate to societies. It will receive the benefits of being a society with the exception of being able to apply for SU grant funding
- It will be subject to society bye-laws except for the following:
 - It will not have to charge a membership fee
 - It will not have to have all core committee positions
 - The Committee member election process (will not be conducted online during the pilot and the impact of recruiting reps and their relation to the Network will need to be defined during the pilot period)

Student Council Resolves to Take the Following Action(s):

- Approve the affiliation of the PGR Network to the Students' Union to run as a pilot project pending the conclusion of the Students Union's Governance Review.