

Student Council Motion Proposal

Creation of Student Led Services

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Summary:

To allow the Students' Union to implement the new RAG structure and sanction us to grow our services in the future, this policy will create a new type of student group and enable the Union to create policies and procedures to support these groups. Student Led Services (SLS) will sit alongside sports clubs, societies and volunteering groups. SLS's will provide services to students, on behalf of the Union. They will have their own identity but be an integral part of the Union's brand.

Student Council Notes the Following Facts:

- Some groups require appointed rather than elected committee members. This may be for a variety of reasons including the need for some expertise or the need to vet students (e.g. Nightline)
- The Union currently requires student groups to elect committee positions
- These groups that run services, on behalf of the Union require more supervision, training and support (in some cases financial)
- The Union's current strategic plan proposes the growth and further development of student media
- There is an upcoming policy to create a new structure for Raise and Give (RAG)

Student Council Holds the Viewpoint That:

- A new type of student group called Student Led Services (SLS) should be created
- All SLS should be supported by the Union
- A Student Led Service must be a body formed to implement the aims of the Students' Union.
- These new groups would need to provide a service to students to be able to apply for SLS status
- Any new SLS wishing to set up, would require approval by Student Council
- All SLS Committees will be appointed by interview. These interviews will be coordinated by the Students' Union in conjunction with the services' outgoing committee.
- All SLS must have a constitution and this must be agreed by the Students' Union and will be reviewed on an annual basis by the Vice President Student Activities or their nominee and services' committee
- A Student Led Service Constitution shall be subordinate to the Students' Union's Constitution and Bye-laws.
- All Student Led Services will be subject to the Union's Health and Safety, Guest Speaker and Event approval policies for Clubs and Societies.
- All Student Led Services must complete an annual financial report which must include details of year-to-date income and expenditure against yearly budget, together with explanations as appropriate.
- No Student Led Services can charge the Students' Union more than cost price for its services.
- Student Led Services with no budgetary support from the Union or University may apply for societies grant funding.
- Nightline should transfer to be a Student Led Service as it fits the description above and the change would make no difference to how it functions and would legitimise its' ability to appoint committee members.

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

Mandate the Union to:

- Create Student Led Services as a structure
- Update Bye-law 7 to include Student Led Services
- Update all policies and procedures to include SLS
- Create a process to create new Student Led Services
- In consultation with the committee, transfer Nightline into the Student Led Service structure and work with the committee to update its constitution, as appropriate