

# Student Council Motion Proposal

Your Policy Motion Title Goes Here: Introduction of Arts & Culture PT Officer

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| <b>Policy Number:</b>   | 2016-17_002               | <b>Policy Date</b> | For SU Use Only |
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## Summary:

Please give a summary of your policy motion here

Introduction of an Arts & Culture Part Time Officer, with the following responsibilities:

- Support the Vice-President of Student Activities in shaping and delivering upon the Students' Union's artistic and cultural strategy
- Work with the Vice-President of Student Activities, Sport Representatives and Society Representatives to support and advocate the cultural activities of Students' Union groups
- Be a Student Councillor and play an active role in Student Council
- Ensure the cultural needs of students are responded to and reflected creatively in the activities and practices of the Students' Union
- Be an ex officio member of university committees, as set out in Appendix (A) and others such as may be required and represent the views of membership within those meetings, including the preparation of reports as required
- Attend and participate in relevant training courses, conferences and events, particularly those with an emphasis on the arts & cultural issues.
- To carry out all duties and responsibilities in accordance with the union constitution
- To behave always in a manner that maintains the good reputation of the Union and the office of which they have been elected
- To seek the views and needs of the students they represent and promote them within the union and the university and to external bodies as appropriate
- To plan and carry out campaigns relating to their role and to contribute to cross-campaigns as required

- To fulfil any democratic mandates and adhere to and promote any matters of the Union policy that bear upon their role
- To ensure the successful execution of their responsibilities and the proper conduct of the committees and meetings which they coordinate
- To work to ensure the success of the Union and to encourage participation in its democratic, academic, social and recreational activities

### **Student Council Notes the Following Facts:**

#### **Please outline the facts as they stand**

Over past years, students elected into the position of Vice-President of Student Activities (VPSA) have come specifically from a sporting background and have done an exceptional job at representing and leading campaigns regarding sporting activities. However, unfortunately this has often overshadowed the activities and achievements of artistic students, thus hindering cultural student cohesion within this demographic.

### **Student Council Holds the Viewpoint That:**

#### **Noting the facts above why is change needed? Insert in here what you want to change and why.**

The Students' Union have recently produced arts/cultural specific goals which are primarily the duty of the VPSA to fulfil. With the introduction of an Arts & Culture Officer, it would likely be students with a background within the arts who would stand for this position, and in collaboration with the VPSA would be able to fulfil these goals more efficiently and effectively.

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

#### **Please write in here what actions Student Council will undertake/mandate the Union to undertake, should this motion pass.**

Ensure that the Union undertakes the following:

- Updates the Union Bye-laws to reflect the inclusion of the new role
- Finalises a role description for the new role and take it to Student Council for approval.
- Incorporates the new role in to the next PTO elections and in the meantime add it as a co-opted position