

Student Council Motion Proposal

Your Policy Motion Title Goes Here: Election Integration

Policy Number:	2016-17_003	Policy Date	For SU Use Only
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Summary:

Please give a summary of your policy motion here:

Integrate Part-Time Officer election back into the Spring Full Time Officer election.

Student Council Notes the Following Facts:

Please outline the facts as they stand

Recently, the Students' Union has moved the Part-Time Officer Elections to Autumn in order to give new first year students the opportunity to run for the positions. However, since the election is held so early on in the year and students are still finding their feet (and doesn't benefit from the hype of full-time officer elections), turnout from both candidates and voters has suffered significantly. In addition, since many of the previous post-holders have graduated there is now no opportunity for a handover period, which prevents initiatives being taken forward nearly as well.

Student Council Holds the Viewpoint That:

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

Integrating the Part-Time elections back into the Spring Full Time Officer election will admittedly mean first year students won't have the opportunity to run. Nevertheless, this is the necessary compromise to increase student engagement in terms of those standing and those voting, will enable new post-holders to pick-up their duties with much more ease (as is the case with society committees), and give a greater level of consistency to Students' Union strategy.

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:

- Updates the Union Bye-laws to reflect the change in election structure
- Incorporates the PTO & counsellor roles back into the FTO elections