

Emergency motion: Amendment to the Bye-Laws: To have two International Officers: EU & non-EU

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Union notes:

1. International Students from different backgrounds are faced with different issues
2. Non-EU International Students are faced with, including, but not limited to, restrictions within the UK in regards to the terms of their visas
 - 2a. As well as overwhelming study fees and living costs
 - 2b. As well as limited ability to travel freely, whether for tourism or studies
3. EU International Students do not need a student visa to study in the UK
4. EU International Students are faced with issues concerning, including, but not limited to, EU relations
 - 4a. In current affairs, this includes Brexit and the chances of the UK leaving the EU, hence EU international students having to transition into becoming 'non-EU international students' and abiding to non-EU international student law and regulations if Brexit does pass.
5. Non-EU International Students are not necessarily affected by issues arising from relations between EU states
6. Depending on where the current International Student Officer is from, the International Student Officer will most likely focus on International Student issues that they are exposed to and are aware of
7. Some International Students feel under-represented as their issues seem to be ignored and/or are unaware of by the union
8. Other SUs, including Warwick SU, have two International Student Officers: one representing students from the EU, and one representing students from outside the EU

Union believes:

1. All students from all backgrounds should be fully represented by their Student's Union
2. That all issues as an International Student, regardless of visa status, should be acknowledged

Union resolves:

1. To create an additional International Students Officer position to represent EU students. A by-election will be held in October for this position, and, hereafter, future elections will take place as part of the normal election cycle.
2. To re-name the existing International Students Officer as "International Students

Officer, Non- EU" effective as of their start date - 1 July - and, hereafter, future elections will take place as part of the normal election cycle.

3. To amend Bye-Law 4.21 to read: "The International Officers (Non-EU and EU)".

4. Under Bye-Law 4.21.5, to delete "Be the Union's delegate to the NUS International Students Conference" and replace with "The Union's delegate to the NUS International Students Conference shall be elected by the international student body."