

Standing Order A: Rights and Benefits of Membership

Democratic Rights

1. All Members shall be entitled to take part in all aspects of its democracy. Nothing in these Standing Orders shall be interpreted as allowing a committee or officer of the Union to restrict democratic rights, except by application of criteria set forth in these Standing Orders.
2. All Members shall have the right to stand for election and vote in elections subject to restrictions laid out in these Standing Orders.
3. Any Member shall have the right to opt out of Union membership.
 - 3.1. Students wishing to do so must complete an opt-out form and return it to the Union.
 - 3.2. A copy of the form will be sent to the Secretary.
 - 3.3. The opt-out shall be valid for a student's academic career unless the student opts back into the Union.
 - 3.4. Any change to the opt-out form must be approved by the University.
4. Any Member shall be entitled to make a complaint under the terms of the Complaints Procedure.

Equal Opportunities

5. The Union shall have, and abide by, an Equal Opportunities Policy.
6. All bodies of the Union including Student Groups shall abide by the Equal Opportunities Policy.

Facilities and Benefits

7. Members shall be entitled to:
 - 7.1. make use of all welfare, commercial and other services provided by the Union, where doing so does not conflict with the right of another Member to do the same;
 - 7.2. to join any Student Group affiliated to the Union.
8. Students who have opted out of Union membership shall be entitled to make reasonable use of all welfare, commercial and other services provided by the Union where doing so does not conflict with the rights of Members to do the same, except where events or facilities are for Members only.
9. The Union shall have a disciplinary procedure for Members.
10. Nothing in this standing order shall prevent the holder of any licence which permits the sale or consumption of alcohol or the provision of entertainment of

any sort on Union premises from taking any reasonable action to preserve such licences.

Data Protection

11. The Union will approve, and abide by, a Data Protection Policy.