

Policy Proposal:

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Current Policy/Situation

What happens at the moment?

NUS Delegates are elected as per the Union Standing Orders and NUS guidelines:

STANDING ORDER 3 - ELECTIONS

These regulations shall apply to all elections by ballot for all campus elections including Executive Officers, Student Officers and National Union of Students (NUS) delegates, and shall be read in conjunction with the Candidates' Guide and the Articles of the Union.

3.1. Elections

3.1.6. NUS Delegates

3.1.6.1. Election for NUS Delegates should take place at the first election of the academic year.

3.1.6.2. NUS Delegates shall be elected by secret cross-campus ballot:

3.1.6.2.1. One space is to be reserved for the President (or nominee) in their role as delegation leader.

3.1.6.2.2. NUS Delegates shall be elected as stipulated by NUS regulations:

<https://www.nusconnect.org.uk/membership-support/membership-pack/membership-events/delegate-entitlement>

3.1.6.2.3. One space is to be reserved for a delegate studying a Further Education qualification. In the case where there is no Further Education student standing for election then this reserved space can be filled by another delegate who does not study a Further Education qualification.

New Proposal

What is your new proposal? This must include the exact wording that you would like in the Standing Orders?

NUS have changed the name from Delegates to Reps, so the Standing Orders would be updated to reflect this. Additionally, NUS guidelines state that the position of Rep no longer needs to be elected separately and instead can be recruited from other elected positions.

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3.1. Elections

3.1.1. Elections shall take place before 31 March in each academic year for each of the following: Executive Officers elected by cross campus secret ballot; Student Officers elected by cross campus secret ballot; ~~and National Union of Students (NUS) delegates.~~

3.1.6. NUS Reps

3.1.6.1. NUS Reps will represent the Union of Students at NUS events throughout the academic year, they will provide a link between students and the NUS and represent the voice of students at the University of Derby.

3.1.6.2. NUS Reps shall be recruited from other elected positions of:

3.1.6.2.1. Executive Officers;

3.1.6.2.2. Student Officers;

3.1.6.2.3. Members of the Sports Council;

3.1.6.2.4. Members of the Societies Council;

3.1.6.2.5. Executive Committee Members of Student-Led Services;

3.1.6.2.6. Members of Sports Club Committees;

3.1.6.2.7. Student Representatives; and

3.1.6.2.8. Members of Society Committees

3.1.6.3. The total number of positions of NUS Rep available each academic year shall be determined by NUS

3.1.6.4. One space is to be reserved for the President (or nominee) in their role as rep leader.

3.1.6.5. NUS Reps shall be recruited as recommended by NUS:

[Implementation plan for NUS UK reform.pdf \(nationbuilder.com\)](#)

3.1.6.6. One space is to be reserved for a rep studying a Further Education qualification. In the case where there is no Further Education student who puts themselves forward then this reserved space can be filled by another rep who does not study a Further Education qualification.

3.2. By-Elections

3.2.3. If a Student Officer ~~or NUS Delegate~~ position falls vacant or remains unfilled after the initial election, a by-election may be held. Should the position remain unfilled and a student expresses an interest, then a Scrutiny Panel can co-opt students into remaining roles.

3.3. Eligibility

3.3.4. Any Student Officer or NUS ~~Delegate~~ Rep who ceases to be a student of the University of Derby shall be deemed to have resigned from their position. Election Officials will determine the most suitable time and mode for re-election for vacant roles.

3.3.6. ~~With the exception of NUS Delegates~~, Candidates may only stand for election to one vacant Officer or Council position at any given time.

Rationale for the change

What are the pros and cons of the change? How will any cons be managed/mitigated?

Updated to be in line with current NUS language and guidelines.

What consideration or consultation have you taken prior to submitting this proposal? *All proposals go the exec team to be confirmed, so having insufficient consultation/consideration could mean the proposal is rejected.*

These amendments have been discussed with the Voice and Insight Manager and the CEO.

Have you considered any impact of the new proposal on any of the protected characteristics as listed in the Equality Act 2010? *What are the impacts and how will any negative impacts be managed/mitigated? For more information on the protected characteristics please see [Equality Act 2010 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](https://legislation.gov.uk)*

Appendices *if necessary.*