

TLSU

Trinity Laban Students' Union

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Extraordinary General meeting**

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Constitution Overview

Paper 03

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Executive Summary:

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1. Change Logo, date of approval. The contents and numbering of clauses will be updated post meeting. **update**
2. Page 3 -3.2.5 – Currently an executive member can bar any member from events, but would then would need approval from the SU President. This has been changed so that trained individuals (Officers/Staff) can bar member as well as visitors, and this can be appealed to the President **New/ Significant clarification**
3. 3.4 the link does not work, to avoid this happening in future, to have it available on request, and that we will put it on the website **update**
4. Introduction of Associate membership, as membership is limited to “HE program of study” so may exclude those who are not working towards a degree from attending events or being insured. This can also cover students who have opted out of Union membership. **New/ Significant clarification**
5. Information about the Exec committee is moved forward. It adds in a clause that make it clearer that it is responsible for Union. **update**
6. Throughout, it clarifies that the Sub-Team are not representatives but are appointees. It allows non-executive officers in the Union to have non-executive officers, if desired without approval from the Conservatoire governing body first. **New/ Significant clarification**
7. Through out, Instead of direct referral to Trinity Laban staff, a number of roles, have been changed to either nominee or SU Team **update**
8. The Vice-President allowance, has been changed from employee only, to allow the VP to be paid instead an Honoraria- though I have tried to use language to make sure it can be an employee role (the sum of £3000 was decided two financial years ago where 5 hours a week, for 52 weeks would be around this. The law around NMW will increase this from April to c.£3300). Confirmed as a part-time role (not a sabbatical position). **New/ Significant clarification**
9. The language has been adjusted incase the VP needs to stand in for the President (which is up to the Exec to decide) – that there is the option to pay them. **New/ Significant clarification**
10. Through out the Honoria language has been changed, to use the term “upto” to reflect that some Officers are elected for part term, and will only receive a proportion if at all. **update**

11. 6.10 Has been given clarity as it can be read very differently, it is to make it clear that one can do 2 sabbatical years (no matter the position). At the moment the language is not clear. It also clarifies that one can hold a single position for 2 years. It clarifies that students can stand for a number of positions at the SU during their time as a student – . **New/ Significant clarification –**

Old text	New text
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12. The General meeting section has been rearranged, to bring together all the information. It clarifies the types, Ordinary, Emergency, and Emergency (Vote of No Confidence), Annual General Meetings. As they have different minimum days to inform students of the meeting, and different quoracy rules (the minimum amount of members needed for the meeting). **update**

13. It clarifies under the Education Act, that society resources will be allocated fairly, and the Exec will create a said fair funding policy. **update**

14. A new proposal is to lower the amount of members needing to sign a petition to remove an Executive Officer to 50, apart from the President which will still require 100. **New/ Significant clarification**

15. This allows Exec meetings to be called in Summer. As the legal personality of the Union, the Exec can, in extraordinary circumstance suspend the constitution. If they need to meet for example because the position of president is vacant, or that there is a legal decision, they will practically need to meet anyway. This is somewhat unnecessary impediment- so should be allowed. **update**

Elections -schedule 1

16. As the staff member is appointed by the Registry, this somewhat formalizes the arrangement, but give some flexibility due to illness/ Annual Leave. **update**

17. It makes clearer who forms the type of elections committee that the constitution gives responsibility for organizing the elections. Who should be on it, and whom should not. **update**

18. 1.5 removes the implication that nomination forms are only submitted in paper copy. **update**

19. 1.6.8 – note the reality that an Exec member has not chaired a Q&A election session in a while, but does not prohibit it. **update**

20. There is the removal of only using Moodle, in case of outage, or if Trinity Laban move to another system. **update**

21. 2.2.1 temporary Officers will not have the vote if not elected. **update**

22. 2.6.12 Removal of Proxy voting, which lets some one vote for you, as this seems to be something in place before online voting. **update**

23. 5.1 Removes a misleading statement about sponsorship for visa for sabbatical roles. Sabbatical roles are covered by a student visa extension, but emphasis is still on the individual proving their right to work. **update**

24. Removes a clause about “must” discuss their support needs, to should, as this could be seen as discriminatory for some disabilities. **update**

25. 5.3 allows some one to stand for position, even if they have a complaint held against them. This is because it may have happened some time ago or not be proportionate. Still it would need sign off from the Registrar.

26. Updates to job description **update**

27. Appendix III – a clause to allow the exec to introduce a complaint process for non-members – like visitors to the bar for example. **New/ Significant clarification**