

## **Bye-law 2: Membership of the Union**

There are two types of membership of the Union as set out in Articles 10 and 12 of the Memorandum and Articles of Association. This Bye-Law sets out the code of practice for each type of membership.

### **1. Members**

As provided for in the Memorandum and Articles of Association, members of the Union shall be as follows:

- a) Each and every student who has not opted out of notifying The University of Hertfordshire of his or her wish not to be a member of the Union; and
- b) The Officer Trustees of the Union.

1.1. Members of the Union shall be entitled to the benefits set out in the Code of Practice, as referred to in the Memorandum and Articles of Association, as well as being entitled to:

- 1.1.1. Use of any services and facilities of the Union, and its subsidiary companies;
- 1.1.2. Hold ordinary membership of any Union club or society and stand for election as a committee member;
- 1.1.3. Attend Student Council as a full voting member;
- 1.1.4. Vote in, and stand for Office in the Union Elections
- 1.1.5. Attend, and vote in, the Annual Members Meetings and Company Law General Meetings of the Union; and
- 1.1.6. Vote in Union referendum.

1.2. All members are subject to the Memorandum and Articles of Association, Bye-Laws and any policies of the Union.

### **2. Associate Members**

The Board of Trustees and/ or Student Council have the right to approve Associate Membership of the Union for individuals or groups from time to time. Certain classes of Associate Membership may come with a fee, determined annually by the Board of Trustees.

2.1. Associate Members shall not be members of the Union for purposes of the Memorandum and Articles of Associations or the Companies Act.

2.2. Associate members are entitled to:

- 2.2.1. Use of any services and facilities of the Union and its subsidiary companies with possible restrictions;
- 2.2.2. Hold Associate membership of any Union club or society; and

- 2.2.3. Attend the Student Council, Annual Members Meeting and Company Law General Meetings as observers.

### 2.3. **Classes of Associate Membership**

#### 2.3.1. Individual Associate Membership

Available by application, on an annual basis, in receipt of an annual subscription

#### 2.3.2. Alumni Membership

Available, by application to the Students Union, to any person who has previously been a Full Member of the Students' Union

#### 2.3.3. Honorary Life Membership

This may be conferred by Union Annual Members Meeting or by the Student Council in recognition of services to the University of Hertfordshire Students; Union

#### 2.3.4. Reciprocal Membership

The Union may enter into reciprocal membership arrangements with other Students' Unions as conferred by Student Council.

## 3. **Opting Out of Membership**

All Students have the right to not be a member of the Union. Any student that exercises this right shall not be disadvantaged with regards to the provision of services and facilities provided by the Union.

- 3.1. A student wishing to opt-out must do so during the registration process at the University or notify the University Secretary and Registrar in writing.
- 3.2. A student who has opted-out may reapply for membership by notifying the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Union in writing of their wish to do so.
- 3.3. A student who has opted-out is not entitled to:
  - 3.3.1. Vote in, or stand for elected office in the Union elections;
  - 3.3.2. Speak or vote at an Annual Members Meeting or Company Law General Meeting of the Union.
  - 3.3.3. Vote in a Union Referendum; and
  - 3.3.4. Hold an elected position in a club or society of the Union.
- 3.4. A student who has opted out has the same entitlements as an Associate Member.

## 4. **Conditions of Membership**

- 4.1. The above benefits of all members are conditional on the proper conduct of members and such benefits may be withdrawn or suspended in accordance with Bye Law 10 – Code of Conduct.