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## Barts and The London Students' Association

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### 1. General

The Barts and The London Students' Association (BLSA) shall be a division of the Union.

1.1 BLSA shall not make statements on religious issues.

1.2 BLSA shall not make political statements about issues that do not affect its members in their lives as Medical or Dental Students or in their future careers as Medical Professionals, as deemed by the BLSA Board

### 1.3 Definitions

- 1.3.1 Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry (BL) A faculty which incorporates all students and staff working within the following institutes: Barts Cancer Institute, Blizard Institute of Cell and Molecular Science, Institute of Health Sciences Education, Institute of Dentistry, William Harvey Research Institute and the Wolfson Institute of Preventive Medicine.
- 1.3.2 Barts and The London Students' Association (BLSA) A division of the Union which is responsible for representing students and working with the Union to ensure appropriate services are provided for students in the Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry.
- 1.3.3 Vice President Barts and The London An Executive Officer with duties and responsibilities as defined in the Executive Officer Bye-Law. In the context of BLSA and SMD related activities, they may also be known as the BLSA President.
- 1.3.4 BLSA member A student studying in the Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry that has not opted out of BLSA or the Union or an Executive Officer of the Union.

### 2. Aims of the Barts and The London Students' Association

The aims of BLSA shall be:

- (i) To be the voice of students studying in the Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry to the College and other relevant organisations.
- (ii) To organise campaigns for the benefits of BLSA members.
- (iii) To provide activities and services for the benefits of students studying in the Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry.

### 3. Barts and The London Students' Association Members

Members of BLSA shall be entitled to:

- (i) Hold Full Membership of a BLSA club or society.
- (ii) Vote in and stand for office in the Union elections for a BL position in accordance with the Elections Bye-Law.

#### 4. **Staff President**

BLSA will have a member of staff elected at each AGM to act as the BLSA Staff President.

- 4.1 The Staff President is an honorary role in BLSA.
- 4.2 The Staff President must be a member of staff working within BL.
- 4.3 There is no maximum number of terms that a staff member may serve.

#### 5. **Annual General Meetings**

BLSA shall hold one Annual General Meeting (AGM) each academic year. The AGM will be chaired by the Vice President Barts and The London or a nominee.

- 5.1 All BLSA members can attend, speak and vote at an AGM.
- 5.2 BLSA clubs and societies should send a minimum of two members to the AGM.
- 5.3 The duties of the AGM are:
  - (i) To hold the BLSA board and VP Barts and The London to account for the work they have been carrying out to meet the aims of BLSA.
  - (ii) To act as a forum for all clubs and societies to feedback on their activities.
  - (iii) To allow the staff president to address BLSA members.
  - (iv) To elect or re-elect a staff president of BLSA.
- 5.4 The quorum will be 50 members and at least 2 representatives from 50% of BL clubs and societies.

4. To amend 5.2 to 'BLSA board meetings shall be called by the VP Barts and The London with at least one week's notice. They shall be held a minimum of two times per term.

#### 6. **General Committee Meeting**

BLSA shall hold a General Committee Meeting (GCM) at least once per a term, chaired by the Vice President Barts and The London. Additional meetings can be called by the Chair with at least one weeks' notice.

- 6.1 All BLSA members can attend, speak and vote at a GCM.
- 6.2 BLSA clubs and societies should send a minimum of two members to every GCM.
- 6.3 The duties of the GCM are:
  - (i) To hold the BLSA Board and the Vice President Barts and The London to account for the work they have been carrying out to meet the aims of BLSA.

- (ii) To discuss issues affecting BLSA members and recommend policy to Student Council.
- (iii) To fulfil the responsibilities as listed in the Bye-Laws of the Union.

6.4 The Vice President Barts and The London is responsible for ensuring that the meeting is accurately recorded and the minutes are sent to the next meeting of the Student Council.

6.5 The quorum for a GCM shall be at least 50 BLSA members, including a minimum of two representatives from at least 50% of all the BLSA Clubs and Societies.

## 7. **Barts and The London Students' Association Board**

There shall be a BLSA Board chaired by the Vice President Barts and The London.

7.1 BLSA board meetings shall be called by the VP Barts and The London with at least one week's notice. They shall be held a minimum of two times per term.

7.2 The members of the BLSA Board shall include:

- (i) All Members elected in accordance with the Student Representatives and Part-time Officers Bye-Law who are BLSA members.
- (ii) Other positions as the BLSA Board create to fulfil the duties of the BLSA Board.

7.3 The duties of the BLSA Board are:

- (i) To discuss relevant issues effecting BLSA members and propose policy to Student Council.
- (ii) To receive a report from the Vice President Barts and The London about the work being carried out to meet the aims of BLSA.
- (iii) To organise campaigns and activities for the benefits of BLSA members.

7.4 The Vice President Barts and The London is responsible for ensuring that the meeting is accurately recorded and the minutes are sent to the next meeting of the Student Council.

7.5 The quorum for a BLSA Board meeting shall be at least 50% of the members of the BLSA Board.

7.6 BLSA members can attend all BLSA Board meetings as observers.