

# QMSU All Student Meeting, including an Annual General Meeting

Held on Monday 30 March 2026 via Teams

## Record of Outcomes

Item	Outcome
The meeting was quorate by 6.27pm	122 members were present and the meeting was quorate - 120 Members required. <i>(Numbers in brackets below indicate members present at the time of the vote).</i>
<p><b>Chairs' Welcome and Introductions</b></p> <p>The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting and explained that the first part of this All Students Meeting was being conducted as an Annual General Meeting and was being held under Company Law, in accordance with the Students' Union Articles of Association.</p> <p>There was one item of business, a Special Resolution to amend the Students' Union Articles of Association to reflect the changes resulting from the Union's Democracy Review.</p>	
<p><b>Special Resolution: That the Articles of Association of the Company be amended as follows:</b></p> <p>Delete:</p> <p>10.1 The Student Council may establish such classes of associate membership with such description and with such rights and obligations as they think fit and may admit and remove such associate members in accordance with the Bye-Laws provided that no such associate members shall be Members of the Union for the purposes of the Articles or the Companies Acts.</p> <p>Replace with:</p> <p>10.1 The Student Representative Committee may establish such classes of associate membership with such description and with such rights and obligations as they think fit and may admit and remove such associate members in accordance with the Bye-Laws provided that no such associate members shall be Members of the Union for the purposes of the Articles or the Companies Act</p>	

Delete:

12.1 Referendums shall be conducted in accordance with these Articles and the Bye-Laws. Subject to Article 39.3, the Members may set Policy by Referendums. Policy set by Referendums may overturn Policy set by the Student Council but not Policy set by the Members in general meeting or at a members' meeting.

Replace with:

12.1 Referendums shall be conducted in accordance with these Articles and the Bye-Laws. Subject to Article 39.3, the Members may set Policy by Referendums. Policy set by Referendums may overturn Policy set by a Members meeting, the Student Representative Committee, but not Policy set by the Members in a general meeting.

Delete:

13.1 Subject to Article 13.2, the Union must hold an annual Members' meeting once in each Academic Year which shall be called and held in accordance with the Bye-Laws. The annual Members' meeting shall be held at such time and place as the Trustees shall think suitable to allow the maximum number of Members to attend.

Replace with:

13.1 Subject to Article 13.2, the Union must hold an annual Members' meeting (known as an All Students' Meeting) at least once in each Academic Year, which shall be called and held in accordance with the Bye-Laws. The annual Members' meeting shall be held at such time and place as the Trustees shall think suitable to allow the maximum number of Members to attend.

Delete:

13.2 If in any Academic Year the Union holds a general meeting for the purposes of the Companies Acts, it shall not be required to also hold an annual Members' meeting in that Academic Year.

Delete:

13.3 The Union may call a Members' meeting at any time. Such meetings shall be called and held in accordance with the Bye-Laws.

Replace with:

13.2 The Union may call a Members' meeting (known as an All Students' Meeting) at any time. Such meetings shall be called and held in accordance with the Bye-Laws.

Delete:

13.4 Subject to Article 39.3, the Members may set Policy at an annual Members' meeting. Policy set at an annual Members' meeting shall take precedence over Policy set by the Student Council but not Policy set by Referendum or by the Members in a Company Law General Meeting.

Replace with:

13.3 Subject to Article 39.3, the Members may set Policy at an annual Members' meeting. Policy set at an annual Members' meeting shall not take precedence over Policy set by the Student Council but not Policy set by Referendum or by the Members in a Company Law General Meeting.

Renumber current 13.5 as 13.4

13.4 Any Members' meeting held under this Article shall not be a general meeting of the Union for the purposes of the Companies Acts. For the avoidance of doubt, Articles 14 to 28 shall not apply to Members' meetings.

Delete:

14.1.3 requested to do so by the Student Council provided such request has been approved by a majority vote of the Student Council.

Replace with:

14.1.3 requested to do so by the Student Representative Committee provided such request has been approved by a majority vote of the Student Representative Committee.

Delete:

20. Chairing general meetings

The chair of the Student Council or in their absence the Deputy Chair shall preside as Chair of the Meeting. In the absence of the chair of the Student Council and the Deputy Chair, the Members present and entitled to vote shall choose one of their number to be Chair of the Meeting save that a proxy holder who is not a Member entitled to vote shall not be entitled to be appointed Chair of the Meeting.

Replace with:

20. Chairing general meetings

The Students' Union Chair shall preside as Chair of the Meeting. In the absence of the Students' Union Chair, the Members present and entitled to vote shall choose one of their number to be Chair of the Meeting save that a proxy holder who is not a Member entitled to vote shall not be entitled to be appointed Chair of the Meeting.

Delete:

32.1 Subject to Article 32.2 below, Student Trustees shall be elected by secret ballot by the Members at an election to be held in accordance with the Bye-Laws. There should be at least one Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry Student and at least one Student from either the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences or the Faculty of Science and Engineering.

Replace with:

32.1 Subject to Article 32.2 below, Student Trustees shall be elected by secret ballot by the Members at an election to be held in accordance with the Bye-Laws.

Delete:

33.1 Lay Trustees shall be appointed or re-appointed by a simple majority vote of the Appointments Committee provided that the appointment of each Lay Trustee is ratified by a simple majority vote of the Student Council. For the avoidance of doubt, such appointment shall not take effect until it has been ratified by the Student Council.

Replace with:

33.1 Lay Trustees shall be appointed or re-appointed by a simple majority vote of the Appointments Committee provided that the appointment of each Lay Trustee is ratified by a simple majority vote of the Student Representative Committee. For the avoidance of doubt,

such appointment shall not take effect until it has been ratified by the Student Representative Committee.

Delete:

33.2 Student Council shall not act in a frivolous or vexatious way if rejecting a candidate proposed by the Appointments Committee.

Replace with:

33.2 The Student Representative Committee shall not act in a frivolous or vexatious way if rejecting a candidate proposed by the Appointments Committee.

Delete:

35. Removal of Trustees by the Members or the Student Council

Replace with:

35. Removal of Trustees by the Members or the Student Representative Committee

Delete:

35.2 a motion of no confidence in the Trustee is passed by a two thirds majority in a vote of the Student Council. Such a motion shall only be triggered by a Secure Petition signed or agreed to by at least 4 Members.

Replace with:

35.2 a motion of no confidence in the Trustee is passed by a two thirds majority in a vote of the Student Representative Committee. Such a motion shall only be triggered by a Secure Petition signed or agreed to by at least 4 Members.

Delete:

36.2 A Trustee removed from office in accordance with Article 36 shall be entitled to appeal the decision to remove him or her to an Appeals Panel within 14 days of the resolution. The Appeals Panel shall be made up of a nominee of Queen Mary, University of London, one independent person and a chief executive/general manager and officer of another students' union. The independent person shall be a Member who is not a Trustee or a Member of the Student Council. The selection of the members of the Appeals Panel and its procedures shall be set out in the Bye-Laws. The Union may consult with NUS in relation to the appeals process and in particular the appointment of independent persons to the Appeals Panel.

Replace with:

36.2 A Trustee removed from office in accordance with Article 36 shall be entitled to appeal the decision to remove him or her to an Appeals Panel within 14 days of the resolution. The Appeals Panel shall be made up of a nominee of Queen Mary, University of London, one independent person and a chief executive/general manager and officer of another students' union. The independent person shall be a Member who is not a Trustee or a Member of the Student Representative Committee. The selection of the members of the Appeals Panel and its procedures shall be set out in the Bye-Laws. The Union may consult with NUS in relation to the appeals process and in particular the appointment of independent persons to the Appeals Panel.

Delete:

37. Removal of Elected Officers

Replace with:

37. Removal of Elected Sabbatical Officers

Delete:

37.2 are removed from office as an Elected Officer by:

Replace with:

37.2 are removed from office as an Elected Sabbatical Officer by:

Delete:

37.2.2 a motion of no confidence in the Elected Officer is passed by a two thirds majority in a vote of the Student Council. Such a motion shall only be triggered by a Secure Petition signed or agreed to by at least 4 Members; provided that, in the case of a Sabbatical Officer, such removal shall be subject to the Union having first carried out any steps it is required to take under the Sabbatical Officer's contract of employment with the Union and/or the applicable disciplinary procedure and otherwise in accordance with good employment practice.

Replace with:

37.2.1 a motion of no confidence in the Elected Sabbatical Officer passed by a simple majority of the Members voting in a Referendum, provided that at least 500 Members cast a vote in the Referendum. Such a motion shall only be triggered by a Secure Petition signed or agreed to by at least 250 Members; provided that such removal shall be subject to the Union having first carried out any steps it is required to take under the Sabbatical Officer's contract of employment with the Union and/or the applicable disciplinary procedure and otherwise in accordance with good employment practice.

Delete:

39.3 The Board of Trustees may override any decision or Policy made by the Members at a Members' meeting or by ordinary resolution in general meeting or by Referendum or by the Student Council which the Trustees consider (in their absolute discretion):

Replace with:

39.3 The Board of Trustees may override any decision or Policy made by the Members at a Members' meeting or by ordinary resolution in general meeting or by Referendum or by the Student Representative Committee which the Trustees consider (in their absolute discretion):

Delete:

PART 4 STUDENT COUNCIL

Replace with:

PART 4 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE

Delete:

57. Student Council

Replace with:

57. Student Representative Committee

Delete:

57.1 The Student Council shall have the authority to:

Replace with:

57.1 The Student Representative Committee shall have the authority to:

Delete:

57.1.2 subject to Article 39.3, set the Policy of the Union and refer Policy to Referenda of the Members or to the Members in a general meeting or at a Members' meeting (in accordance with the Bye-Laws);

Replace with:

57.1.2 subject to Article 39.3, review the Policy of the Union and refer Policy to Referenda of the Members or to the Members in a general meeting or at a Members' meeting (in accordance with the Bye-Laws);

Delete:

57.2 The composition and proceedings of the Student Council shall be set out in the Bye-Laws. No Member may hold more than one seat on the Student Council at any one time.

Replace with:

57.2 The composition and proceedings of the Student Representative Committee shall be set out in the Bye-Laws. No Member may hold more than one seat on the Student Representative Committee at any one time.

Delete:

58.1 The Trustees and the Student Council shall have the power from time to time to jointly make, repeal or amend Bye-Laws as to the management of the Union and its working practices provided that such Bye-Laws shall not be inconsistent with these Articles. Any amendments to

the Bye-Laws are required to be passed at one quorate meeting of the Student Council and one quorate meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Replace with:

58.1 The Trustees and the Student Representative Committee shall have the power from time to time to jointly make, repeal or amend Bye-Laws as to the management of the Union and its working practices provided that such Bye-Laws shall not be inconsistent with these Articles. Any amendments to the Bye-Laws are required to be passed at one quorate meeting of the Student Representative Committee and one quorate meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Delete:

58.3 In accordance with Article 57.1.2, Student Council shall have the power to make Policy. Policies must be consistent with the Bye-Laws. In the event of any discrepancy or uncertainty, the Bye Laws take precedence over Policy.

Replace with:

58.3 Policies made by the Members must be consistent with the Bye-Laws. In the event of any discrepancy or uncertainty, the Bye Laws take precedence over Policy.

Delete:

67.1.17 "Elected Officers" the Sabbatical Officers and the Part-Time Officers;

Replace with:

67.1.17 "Elected Officers" the Sabbatical Officers;

Delete:

67.1.24 "Part-Time Officers" the Members elected in accordance with the Bye-Laws to be officers of the Union while continuing their studies at Queen Mary University of London;

Renumber:

All sections subsequent to the above.

Delete:

67.1.25 "Policy" representative and campaigning policy set by Referendum or by the Student Council in accordance with Article 12 and Article 57 respectively or by the Members in general meeting or at a Members' meeting;

Replace with:

67.1.24 "Policy" representative and campaigning policy set by Referendum or by the Members in general meeting or at a Members' meeting;

Delete:

67.1.34 "Student Council" the Student body elected by and from Students constituted in accordance with these Articles and the Bye-Laws of the Union;

Replace with:

67.1.33 "Student Representative Committee" the Student body elected by and from Students constituted in accordance with these Articles and the Bye-Laws of the Union;

The vote was duly conducted via an online poll, the results of which were as follows:

**In Favour:** 107

**Against:** 4

The Chair held 7 Proxies which were all In Favour.

The Total Votes were therefore 126

**In Favour:** 114

**Against:** 4

The Special Resolution required two thirds of those present and voting, in a quorate meeting, for it to be passed.

Total Votes cast: 126

Two Thirds of 126 being 84, and 114 voting In Favour meant the Special Resolution was **Passed**.

### **Close of Meeting**

There being no other items of business, the Chair declared the AGM closed.

### **All Student Meeting**

Following the closure of the AGM, the meeting became inquorate and did not regain quoracy within the allotted time.

Where possible, the Union will look to take forward issues which would have been the subject of debate through other channels.