

Societies Assembly Minutes – 28.10.10, 5pm

6.1 Apologies

There were apologies from the NTU Pride, Debating, Photography, Economics and Journalism societies.

6.2 Welcome and Comments from Chair

Ben Wheeler greeted the floor and briefed the assembly on the year's plans.

6.3 SMC Report

There was no report submitted.

6.4 Motions

The Future of the Membership System

ML Briefed the floor as to the pros and cons of the following options;

Option 1: Keep everything as it is and drive all memberships through the website.

Option 2: Allow paper signups at the Fresher Fairs, and ensure that all memberships are collected (with cash) at the first meeting of each society.

Option 3: Allow paper signups at the Fairs but in duplicate and process all memberships internally (and memberships). Note: the significant task of data entry represents a cost from the grant fund.

A vote was taken:

Option 1 – 14 Votes

Option 2 – 30 Votes

Option 3 – 17 Votes

Abs – 0 Votes

Option 2 passed.

6.5 Affiliations (see over)

Horse Racing Society presented their bid for affiliation *in absentia*.

A question was raised about the similarity with the NTU equestrian club. Matt Leventhall informed that the Equestrian Club had been informed but chose not to reply.

Civ Soc presented their bid for affiliation.

A question was raised about the similarity of its potential membership base with that of the Architecture Society. The proposer replied that the aims were different, so this should not matter.

Chocolate Society presented their bid for affiliation *in absentia*.

No questions were raised.

Labour Society presented their bid for affiliation.

A question was raised about the presence of other political societies – that there should be a fair representation. Matt Leventhall informed that there was a suspended Conservative Future Society. The proposer stated that their application shouldn't be judged on the absence of others.

A question was raised about the aim to assist the Labour Party with member recruitment. The proposer affirmed that this would be taking place, especially if there was a general election.

A question was raised about the similarity to Politics society. The proposer clarified that this was a course-related society and he was happy to work together with that society.

A question was raised about whether the society would be willing to hold guest speakers/members from other political parties. The proposer affirmed that this is OK.

A secret ballot was taken:

Horse Racing

Yes – 12

No – 56

Abs – 1

The society was NOT affiliated and may not bid for affiliation for another 12 months.

Labour Students

Yes 48

No 20

Spoil 1

Nottingham Trent Students' Union

The society was affiliated.

Chocolate

Yes 37

No 31

Spoil 1

The society was affiliated.

Civil Eng

Yes 59

No 10

Abs 0

The society was affiliated.

5.8 Date of Next Meeting – TBC.