

## **Rule 3 – Trustee Board**

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*Trustee Board is established with clauses 17–28 of the Articles of Association as the Union’s governing body. These Rules should be read in conjunction with those clauses.*

### **1. Trustees**

1.1 The Trustees are made up of the following people:

- (a) Six Sabbatical Trustees:
  - The Union President
  - 5 other Sabbatical Officers, selected by the Sabbatical Team and appointed by the Trustee Board at its first meeting.
- (b) Six Student Trustees
  - 2 Student Leader Trustees, as identified in Rule 6
  - 4 Student trustees, elected by a ballot of all Full Members
- (c) Four External Trustees, appointed by Union Senate

1.2 All Trustees make up the Trustee Board, with the Union President as Chair

### **2. Remit and Powers of Trustees**

2.1 The powers of the Trustees are outlined in Article 22

2.2 The Trustees' powers shall include but not be limited to ultimate responsibility for:

- (a) the governance of the Union;
- (b) the budget of the Union; and
- (c) employment issues.

2.3 Decisions made by a democratic body are subject to the authority of the Trustees on the following grounds only:

- (a) financial considerations; and
- (b) charity law or other legal requirements; and
- (c) such other grounds set out in the Rules.

2.4 Trustee Board is responsible for:

- (a) Creating and implementing the Union’s Strategy and related plans.
- (b) Making emergency decisions out of term time, subject to the ratification of Senate.
- (c) Developing the Union’s facilities.

- (d) Ensuring the strategic development of the commercial services in line with the overall strategy.
- (e) Considering and reporting to the membership all decisions to affiliate to bodies during the year.
- (f) Ensuring financial guidelines exist, and agreeing a Financial Schedule (which shall be approved at the first Senate meeting of each academic year), which shall set out:
  - (i) the maximum sums that may be approved by committees and individuals,
  - (ii) the maximum sums that may be provisionally approved by committees and individuals, subject to approval by Trustee Board, and
  - (iii) the levels of fines that may be imposed in accordance with Rule 9 (Disciplinary Procedure)
- (g) and shall include provision for contracts or expenditure over a set amount to be subject to call-in by Senate in accordance with Rule 2 (Decision-Making).
- (h) In accordance with Article 26, the Trustees may delegate any of their powers or functions to a sub-committee of two or more Trustees.

### **3. Roles and Responsibilities of Trustees**

#### 3.1 All Trustees will be expected to:

- (a) Fulfil all duties and responsibilities of a Trustee as promoted by the Charities Commission.
- (b) Be responsible for ensuring that the Union is administered in accordance with its Constitution, the associated Rules and By-Laws, and all current law as it relates to Students' Unions.
- (c) Promote the Aims and Objectives of the Union on every campus of the University.
- (d) Act fairly and reasonably in the making of any decision.
- (e) Act in the best interests of the Union and to not seek any personal gain from the term of office.
- (f) Ensure that all property and investments of the Union are prudently

and efficiently administered.

**4. Bar Club**

- 4.1 Trustee Board is responsible for the administration of the bars. All members of the Union, its staff and the University staff are deemed to be members of the Bar Club,
- 4.2 The Rules of the Bar Club (as approved by the Licensing Justices from time to time) are kept by the Chief Executive
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