



Changes to the RSMU Constitution

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Changes were made to improve clarity across the document; the main difference is the naming of The Departments. Other changes include the extension of other abbreviations and names across the document

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Added

Paragraph on Disciplinary action, referencing all actions to be conducted as per the ICU constitution (previously missing).

Amendments:

The ruling on the timings of amendments and the manner of passing them was altered to avoid unnecessary “red-tape” in passing amendments to the constitution and regulations.

Pages 6 - 10 (Regulation One)

Positions:

A restructuring of the RSMU General and Executive committees was passed as a means for optimising the work of officers within the RSMU, as well as clarify some other positions and bringing the roles up to date with current operations.

Vice-President Activities & Events:

This role has been formed from the previous “Events Officer” and “Vice-President” roles, taking on responsibility for all Events and Activities of the RSMU Exec (barring Bottle Match). This responsibility was previously left with the President and Vice-President, though we hope that by providing a single role with responsibility over this it will allow things to flow much more easily.

The roles of the “Balls Officers” has been more clearly defined in their capacity of assisting the VP&E in organising the dinners of the year

Vice-President Clubs & Societies:

This role was created from the previous “Clubs and Societies (Sports) Officer” and “Vice-President” roles. The Sports officer was often treated as an Executive position in the lead up to the Bottle

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Match due to the large amount of communication required between the Executive and the Sports Officer. It was also noted that a sufficient amount of work relating to the Clubs and Societies of the RSMU did not have any clear supervision aside from the President.

Welfare and Support:

We have also introduced a new structure of student welfare and support into the RSMU organisational structure, generating the roles of Welfare Officer and Academic Liaison Officer, as well as the Academic and Welfare Board. It is hoped that this will provide a friendly and approachable welfare and support network within the RSMU and make it easier for students within the RSMU to receive support as necessary. This is a very important point for us as it is a step towards a more unified and wide-ranging RSMU structure, providing benefits to all of its members outside of our usual social operations.

Pit and Publicity:

It was decided that it was best to combine these two front-line roles within the RSMU General Committee, allowing for uniformity across all of our publications and improving the student experience of our publicity mechanisms.

Pages 11 – 18 (Regulation Two)

This section was modified from the ICSMU constitution to clarify our stance on Elections and Referenda. All changes and statements are in line with the ICU constitution.

Pages 19 – 21 (Regulation Three)

Clubs and Society Committee

In line with re-vamping the Vice-President role, the RSMU Clubs and Societies committee was introduced to allow the VPCS to oversee the work of the clubs of the RSMU. Mainly to allow the VPCS to communicate with the club chairs about union training, budgeting and correct procedure.

Academic and Welfare Committee

As stated above, this is a very important addition to the RSMU Committee list, with the remit of working closely with the reps to provide the best welfare service to our members.

Skinners Bottom

This is the old name for the mascotry 'club' of the RSMU, it has now been formed as an official part of the RSMU.