

Bye-Laws Changes

A note by the Union President – Paul Beaumont

Changing the Remits and Names of the Sabbatical Team

At the Union Council meeting on the 30 May 2013, we discussed the possibility of increasing the remits of each sabbatical to help cover extra areas the Union wishes to diversify into.

A survey of Council Members was run to gauge Council Members' feelings on the matter and I am pleased to report that out of the 22 Members to complete the survey prior to this paper being written, the results were overwhelmingly positive. *The results are attached to this paper.*

All surveyed were happy to increase the remits to those discussed, with the suggestions of adding in Outreach to the DPE role (done), creating a new sabbatical position (not an option within budgetary constraints, sorry), and a question around the breadth of "non-SK campuses" – this has been clarified in the suggested wording of the Bye-Laws to "activities" (ie, not academic representation).

95% of Council Members were happy to change the DPFS title, with a mixture of support for changing now, and in January. As to what to rename the title to, the most popular option (taking in to account the "Other" box) was drawn between "Finance & Communities" and "Finance & Development", though the two most popular words were "Finance" & "Development". One interesting suggestion was "Finance, Community & Development".

Other Changes

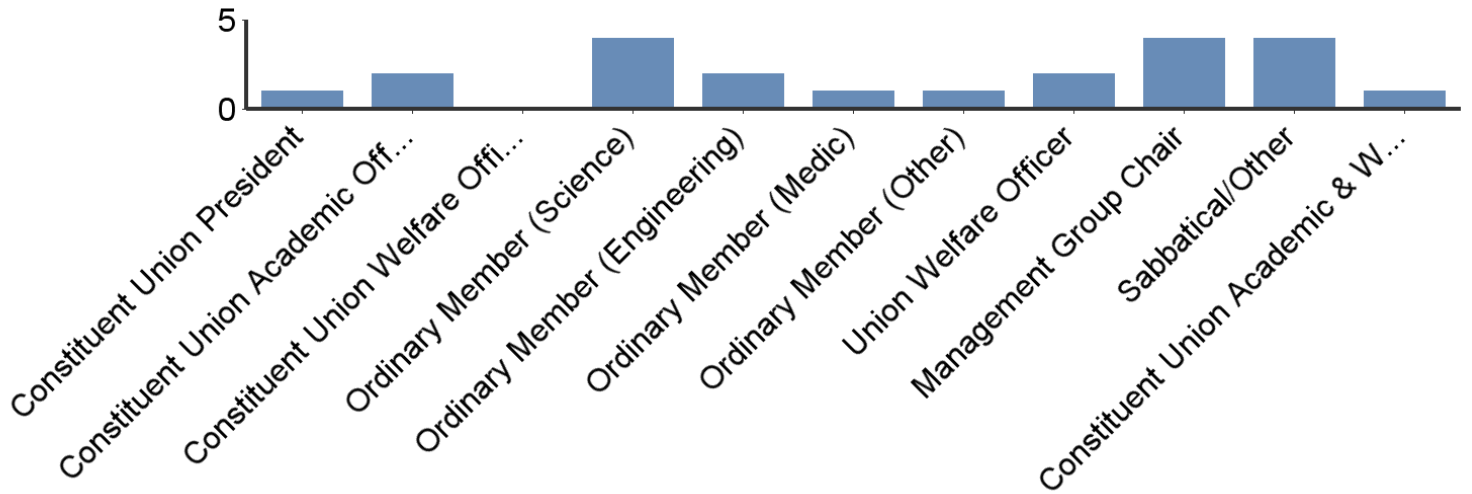
1. The Graduate Students' Association have been renamed the Graduate Students' Union as they requested.
2. Removed the "rejected reports" from the censure guidelines, as a relic of the old constitution (there's no provision to get to this point in the current constitution).
3. Made a provision for elections of Ordinary Members using simpler rules than an external RO, for both October, and for any by-election when a Council Member position falls vacant during the year.
4. Increased the time a suspension/expulsion can be for under Summary Punishment from 7 days to 28 days.

Conclusions

I have not tabled a change to the name in the paper, but would suggest we vote on:

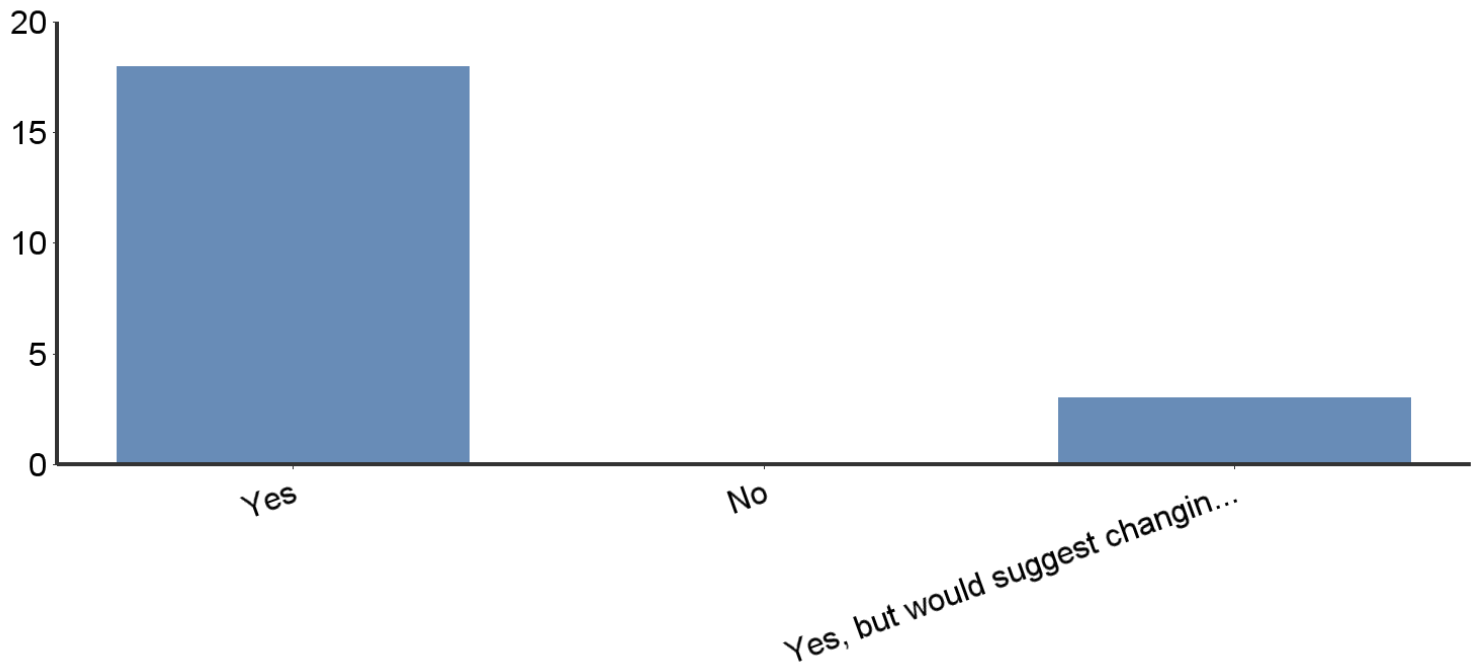
1. Resolving to approve the changes as tabled.
2. Discuss and vote on the proposal to rename DPFS to Deputy President (Finance, Communities & Development). Discussion could focus on the name itself, and/or when to implement the name change.

Survey Question: Who are you?



#	Answer	Bar	Responses	%
1.00	Constituent Union President	█	1.00	4.55%
2.00	Constituent Union Academic Officer	█	2.00	9.09%
3.00	Constituent Union Welfare Officer		0.00	0.00%
4.00	Ordinary Member (Science)	█	4.00	18.18%
5.00	Ordinary Member (Engineering)	█	2.00	9.09%
6.00	Ordinary Member (Medic)	█	1.00	4.55%
7.00	Ordinary Member (Other)	█	1.00	4.55%
8.00	Union Welfare Officer	█	2.00	9.09%
9.00	Management Group Chair	█	4.00	18.18%
10.00	Sabbatical/Other	█	4.00	18.18%
11.00	Constituent Union Academic & Welfare Officer (GSU)	█	1.00	4.55%
	Total		22.00	100.00%

Survey Question: Are you happy to add the discussed points into the remits of the sabbaticals?



#	Answer	Bar	Responses	%
1.00	Yes		18.00	85.71%
2.00	No		0.00	0.00%
3.00	Yes, but would suggest changing things round		3.00	14.29%
	Total		21.00	100.00%

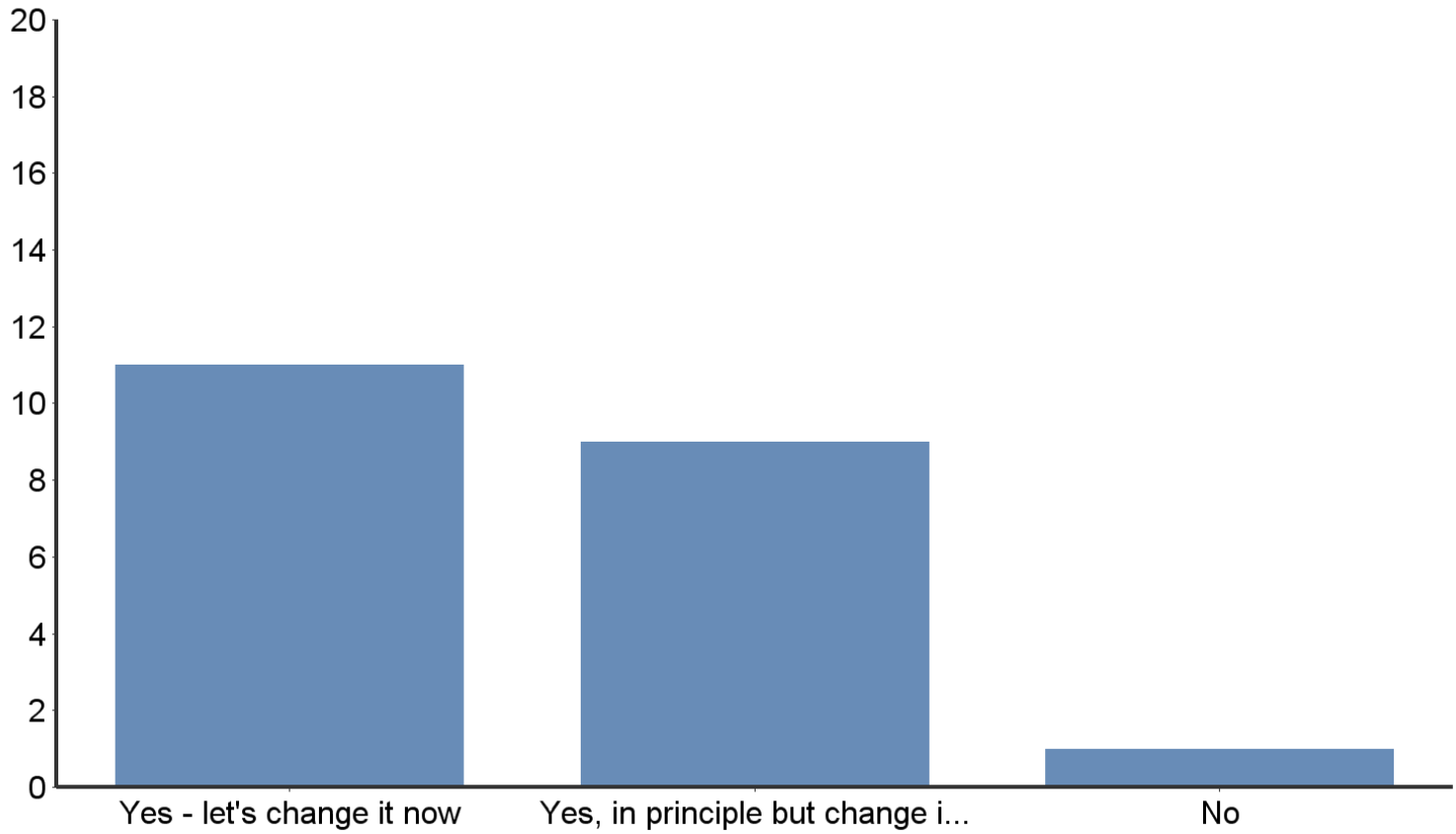
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Little worried about the breadth i.e. all of Non-SK Campuses to DPCS when DPE or W mmight be more appropriate in some cases. Should student development also be CS rather than FS, from the training side of things maybe?

Maybe to add another sabb role if the work load is too high for each sabb.

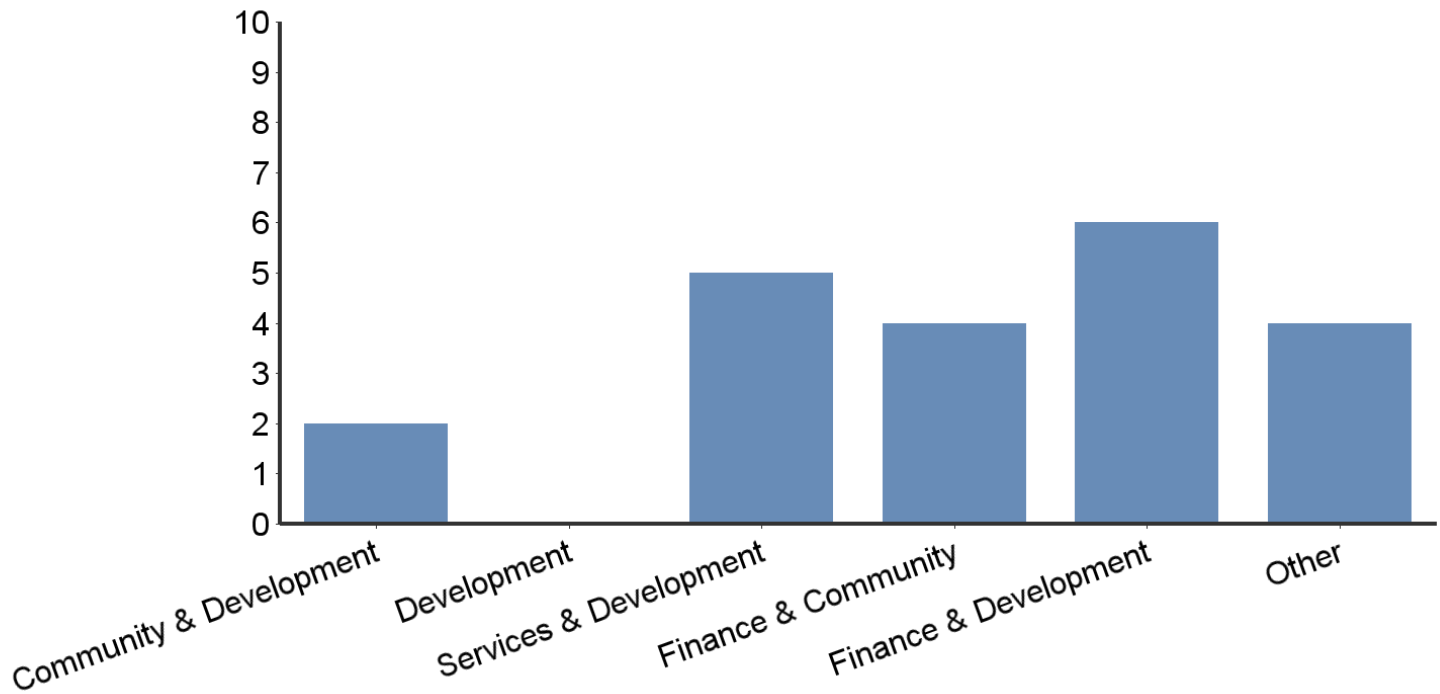
Add outreach into the DPE remit

Are you happy to change the title of DPFS to more accurately reflect the job overall?



#	Answer	Bar	Responses	%
1.00	Yes - let's change it now		11.00	52.38%
2.00	Yes, in principle but change it later (action Council to review in January 2014)		9.00	42.86%
3.00	No		1.00	4.76%
	Total		21.00	100.00%

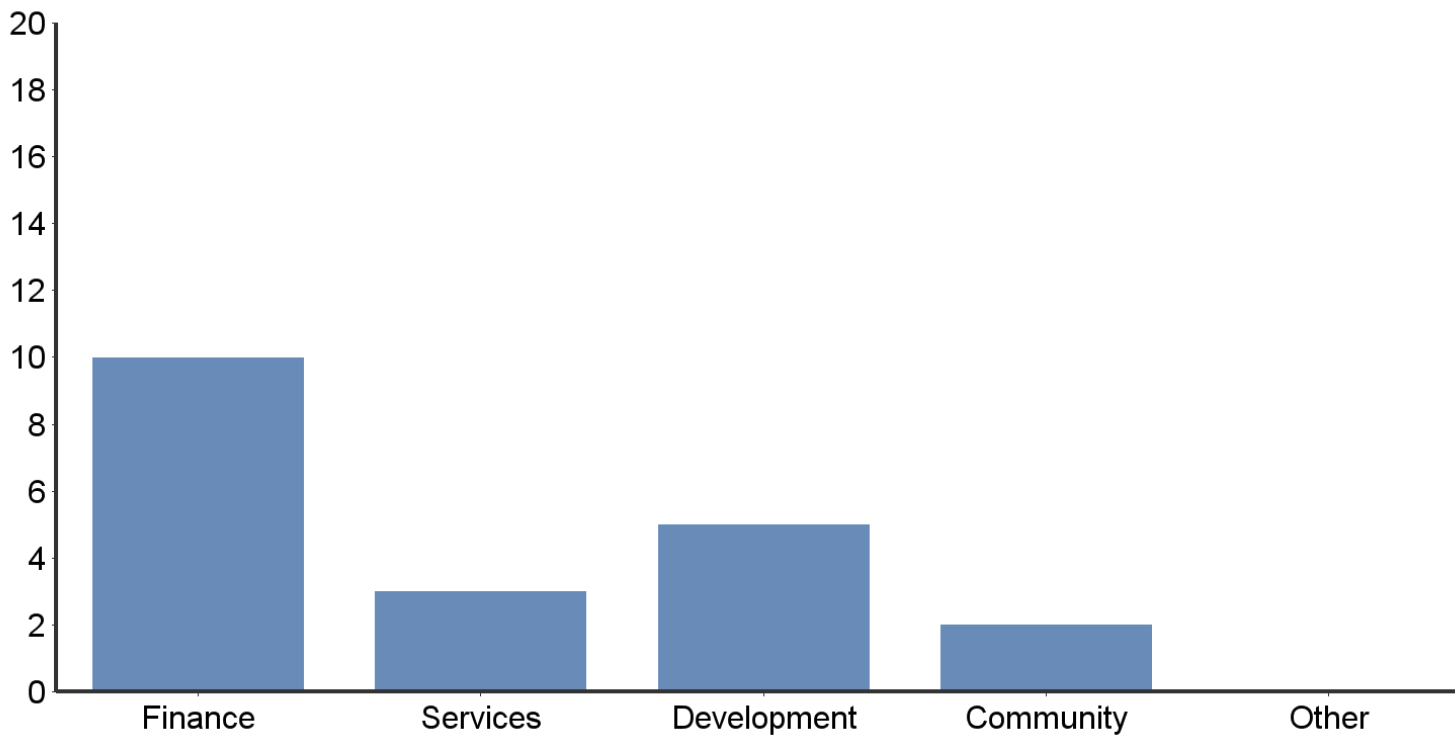
What would you change it to?







#	Answer	Bar	Responses	%
1.00	Community & Development	<div style="width: 20px; height: 10px; background-color: #4F81BD;"></div>	2.00	9.52%
2.00	Development		0.00	0.00%
3.00	Services & Development	<div style="width: 30px; height: 10px; background-color: #4F81BD;"></div>	5.00	23.81%
4.00	Finance & Community	<div style="width: 25px; height: 10px; background-color: #4F81BD;"></div>	4.00	19.05%
5.00	Finance & Development	<div style="width: 35px; height: 10px; background-color: #4F81BD;"></div>	6.00	28.57%
6.00	Other	<div style="width: 25px; height: 10px; background-color: #4F81BD;"></div>	4.00	19.05%
	Total		21.00	100.00%

Other
Community and Finance
Community & Finance
Finance, Community & Development
Community Services :P

What's the most important word in the title for you?



#	Answer	Bar	Responses	%
1.00	Finance		10.00	50.00%
2.00	Services		3.00	15.00%
3.00	Development		5.00	25.00%
4.00	Community		2.00	10.00%
5.00	Other		0.00	0.00%
	Total		20.00	100.00%