

# **ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION - COMPANION DOCUMENT**

## **WHY ARE WE REVIEWING THE ARTICLES?**

The Articles of the Association were last reviewed in February 2018 and, by law, must be reviewed every 5 years, so are due for review by February 2023.

## **WHAT HAS CHANGED?**

There have been structural and formatting changes to make the document easier to read and to improve the flow, bringing the Articles in line with other student unions.

The language of the document has been updated to make it more understandable and modern, with the removal of he/her for they etc. Some proofing changes have also been made with some minor changes to wording of some points to aid with clarity, however the objects of the union have not changed.

Notable change – 4.9.1 change from 1000 students to 5% of members to trigger the removal process for a trustee, making it easier for students to remove a trustee.

Some sections, such as the running of meetings, will be moved to the bye-laws, handing more power to parliament (i.e., the student executive committee) as these are easier to change than the articles. There will be a bigger piece of work around this next Semester.

Some duplicate items have been removed and further clarity provided.

## **THE ROLE OF UNIVERSITY**

The Articles will be submitted at the Annual General Meeting for approval by vote. They have already been reviewed by our Student Parliament and Trustee Board for any comments or feedback. Both groups gave positive feedback, and no changes were made. We have invited the University an opportunity to offer any feedback ahead of the AGM on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February.