

1. Membership

Definition

- 1.1 Membership is as defined in Articles 12-17 of the Constitution of the University of Northampton Students' Union, and in Code of Practice, pursuant to the requirements of Part II of the Education Act 1984.

Membership Classes

- 1.2 The following categories of membership shall apply to members of the Union provided that they abide by the Constitution and Bye-Laws of the Union during the time of their membership.

1.2.1 Full Membership:

1.2.1.1 All students shall have rights as full members of the Union as outlined in the Constitution, and in 1.3 below.

1.2.1.2 Sabbatical Officers shall be Full Members of the Union.

1.2.2 Associate Membership:

1.2.2.1 All non-student employees of the Union, the University, and the University's wholly-owned subsidiaries shall be entitled to be Associate Members of the Union.

1.2.2.2 Associate Members may not enjoy the rights and privileges of membership as listed at 1.3 below, excepting 1.3.7 and 1.3.8.

1.2.2.3 Associate membership of the Union may also be conferred by Student Council, following application and payment of the appropriate fee, set by the Executive Committee annually.

1.2.2.4 Appropriate forms are available for this purpose from the Union reception.

1.2.3 Affiliated Membership:

1.2.3.1 Members of Students' Unions affiliated to NUS (UK) shall be admitted to Union facilities as Affiliated Members.

1.2.3.2 Affiliated Members may not enjoy the rights and privileges of membership as listed at 1.3 below, excepting 1.3.7 and 1.3.8

1.2.4 Honorary Membership:

1.2.4.1 The Union may grant Honorary Membership to individuals who have significantly aided the Union or the students of the University of Northampton and whose dedication deserves special reward and recognition.

1.2.4.2 An individual may be nominated by any Member, or Associate Member by writing to the President, describing how the individual meets the criteria described in 1.2.4.1 above.

1.2.4.3 Honorary Membership may be conferred by a majority vote at an AGM.

1.2.4.4 Honorary Members may not enjoy the rights and privileges of membership as listed at 1.3 below, excepting 1.3.7 and 1.3.8.

Rights AND Privileges of Membership

- 1.3 Members of the Union have:
 - 1.3.1 The right to vote in all elections
 - 1.3.2 The right to propose or second any candidate in any Union election
 - 1.3.3 The right to stand for or hold office on Committees and to represent the student body
 - 1.3.4 The right to vote at Union meetings, subject to individual meeting regulations
 - 1.3.5 The right to speak at Union meetings
 - 1.3.6 The right to be officers of any constituent bodies and clubs and societies (subject to membership of that club or society)
 - 1.3.7 The right to be members of any constituent bodies and clubs and societies (subject to membership of that club or society)
 - 1.3.8 The right to use Union amenities subject to current conditions, regulations and Policy

Opting out of membership

- 1.4 Any student shall have the right to opt out of membership of the Union.
- 1.5 Students who exercise that right should not be unfairly disadvantaged with regard to the provision of services or otherwise by reason of their having opted out of the Union, and shall have all the same rights as Associate Members.
- 1.6 The opt-out shall be valid for the remainder of the academic year.
- 1.7 Students who wish to opt-out of Students' Union membership should make this choice in the University of Northampton's pre-enrolment process.
- 1.8 Students who wish to re-join the Union should contact the University of Northampton Students' Union's Marketing & Communications Manager, complete and return the Membership Opt-In Form to IT Services, who will make this change.
- 1.9 Exercising the right to opt-out confers no financial benefit to a student.

I. Membership Bye Law

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