

## OPEN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ASSOCIATION LIMITED

### Central Executive Committee (CEC)

October 2022

## RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOT) TO AMEND THE BYE-LAWS – CEC NAME

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The CEC is asked to:-

- i) **Approve** the recommendation to the BoT to amend the bye-laws to include to suggested changes related to how the CEC can refer to themselves.

### 1 Summary

- 1.1 The CEC has been known as the Student Leadership Team in many areas since 2016 and as it is widely agreed that this more clearly communicates, to students, the role of the elected reps than the term "CEC". The full title, Central Executive Committee, is reflective of an OU Students Association governance structure that is no longer in operation.
- 1.2 Legal advice on the proposed change has been obtained from Stoneking, and they have advised that the change can be made within the byelaws (as worded below), with the view to taking a proposed change to the Association's Articles at the next Conference.

### 2 Proposed changes

2.1 The proposed changes to the byelaws, requiring approval are as follows:

- 4.11 The CEC may decide from time to time the name by which they would like to be known to students, as long as no name would suggest that they are Trustees of the Association.
- 4.12 For the avoidance of doubt, irrespective of any name by which the group wish to be known publicly, the group shall continue to be referred to within the Articles of Association and official documents as the Central Executive Committee, until such time as Student Members vote to make a change to their Articles in accordance with Article 9.

### 3 Next Steps

3.1 If approved by the CEC, this recommendation will be sent to BoT for approval prior to implementation.

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