



Resolutions for 2026 Conference



Special resolutions

The below resolution requires 75% of Conference delegates to approve the changes before it can be officially implemented.

Resolution A

The Articles of Association to be amended as follows, to replace the current references to a “European Representative” with an “International Representative”, in order to reflect changes to the composition of the Student Leadership Team:

- Article 26.1.2 shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with: “One representative for each of the Nations and an International Representative, not exceeding six representatives in total”; and
- Article 48.1.37 shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with: “Nations and International Representative - as defined in the Association’s Bye-Laws.”

Why is this being proposed?

This is to reflect the changes to the composition of the Student Leadership Team. [Watch International Students Representative \(2023-26\) Isabelle Hoyet, explain the change.](#)



Ordinary resolutions

The ordinary resolutions require a simple majority of 50% to be implemented.

Resolution B

Approve a motion to support Open SU undertaking a review of how underrepresented students are represented within the organisational governance structure, and how that representation could be strengthened.

This motion approves the review only; it does not approve any specific new representative role or structure.

By voting in favour of this motion, you support:

- a review of the current approach to representing underrepresented students;
- consultation with students about which communities may need greater representation;
- consideration of additional EDI Representative roles and other options, such as panels or advisory groups; and
- recommendations being brought back through the appropriate Open SU decision-making process.

This proposal does not seek to amend the Articles. At the 2024 Conference, members approved changes to Article 26 to allow for an additional three to five Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Representative positions on the elected Student Leadership Team. Following this change, Open SU currently has a Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Students Representative (name currently under consultation), an LGBTQIA+ Student Representative and a Disabled Students Representative.

Students have requested the introduction of additional representative roles or groups, including for example for transgender students and carers and care experienced students. The current Articles allow between three to five Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Representative positions to be elected to the Student Leadership Team. There is therefore, constitutional scope to add more roles.

However, we need to explore how future representative positions should be identified, prioritised and appointed, and whether other approaches (such as panels or advisory groups for example) could also be used to ensure underrepresented student voices are heard and represented within Open SU.

The needs of underrepresented student groups can change over time. Emerging issues, changes within higher education, developments in society, and the experiences of the student population may create a need for additional representation or different forms of engagement. We'd therefore like to ensure that our approach to representation remains flexible, responsive and evidence-based.

Any specific proposals arising from the review will be brought through the appropriate Open SU decision-making process for separate consideration and approval.

Resolution C

Vote to ratify the minutes of the 2024 biennial Conference.

[Minutes available here.](#)

Resolution D

Receive the report of the Trustees and the Student Leadership Team on Open SU's activities since the 2024 biennial Conference.

[Trustee report available here.](#)

[SLT report available here.](#)

Resolution E

Vote to approve the appointment of Goodman Jones LLP to act as the Open SU's auditors.

[Auditors report available here.](#)

Resolution F

Receive the accounts of Open SU for the completed financial years since the previous biennial Conference (2023-24, 2024-25).

[Accounts report available here.](#)

Resolution G

Approve the list of Affiliations of Open SU.

Open SU does not currently have any affiliations with other organisations. However, Conference approval is still required, and members are therefore asked to approve the current list of affiliations, which is nil.

[Affiliations report available here.](#)