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QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY BELFAST STUDENTS' UNION

To: Members of the Students' Union Council

Dear Councillor,

Please attend the first Statutory Meeting of the 2025-26 Students' Union Council, to be held on Thursday 23 October 2025 at 4.00pm in The Cube, Level One, Students' Union.

Yours sincerely,

DAMIEN CORRIDAN

Clerk to the Students' Union Council

AGENDA

FIRST CIRCULATION

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - 2.1 Statutory Meeting (Annual Business Meeting) of 6 May 2025 SUC/M/25/4
3. Business Arising from the Minutes
4. Communications
 - 4.1 Condolences
 - 4.2 Introduction to QSU and Student Council
 - 4.3 Introduction to Student Officers and SU Councillors
 - 4.4 SU Voice – Updates
5. Constitutional Amendments/Rule Amendments

There are none.
6. Business for Consideration
 - 6.1 Appointment of Returning Officer for the Student Officer Elections 2025-26
 - 6.2 Student Officer Plan of Work 2025-26 SUC/P/25/45

The Elected Student Officers shall present an overview of their Student Officer Plan of Work 2024-25 to the Council.

7. Business for Discussion

Councillors are invited to raise any relevant issues for discussion under agenda items 7.1 – 7.3.

- 7.1 Cost of Living Crisis – Update
- 7.2 QUB Academic / Support Services Issues – Update
- 7.3 Students' Union Mental Health Activity – Update
- 7.4 Students' Union Strategic Plan 2020-25 – Update
- 7.5 Union President Updates

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Updates on areas of on-going or emerging focus.

8. Bye-Elections

There are none.

9. Elections

- 9.1 Please note that the following elections will be held at this Meeting of the Students' Union Council:

Non-Sabbatical Officer of the Students' Union (without voting rights)

The Union Speaker 1 vacancy

The Union Speaker is the Chairperson of the Students' Union Council.

Candidates will each be allowed one minute to address the Council.

Councillors may vote for 'Re-open Nominations' in the above election.

Nominations will close, and voting will take place for the post of Union Speaker at this meeting. The Union Speaker will act as chairperson for the remainder of the meeting.

For all other elections, online nominations will open at the meeting. Nominations – including submission of manifesto information – will close on Monday 27 October, 8am. Voting will take place on Monday 27 October, 10am – 10pm. Election counts will be conducted on Tuesday 28 October 2025. Results will be published on the completion of the counts.

Students' Union representatives to be elected by the Council for the following Union Committees (see Rule 5 of the Constitutional Rules for details of the remits of Students' Union Committees)

At this meeting, Councillors will be invited by the Clerk of Council to self-nominate for the following positions:

Students' Union Management Board	5 vacancies
Standing Committee	8 vacancies
Proposal Support Committee	8 vacancies
Clubs and Societies Committee	8 vacancies

Students' Union representatives to be elected by the Council for the following University Committees

At this meeting, Councillors will be invited by the Union Speaker to self-nominate for the following positions:

University Senate	1 vacancy (two-year term)
University Senate (Bye-Election)	1 vacancy (one-year term)
Academic Council	1 vacancy (one-year term)

The following Committees of Council have automatic (ex-officio) memberships and do not require elections:

- Undergraduate Academic Representative Committee
- Postgraduate Taught Academic Representative Committee
- Postgraduate Research Academic Representative Committee
- Student Associations Committee

10. Motions

10.1 **A Welcome Inclusive Union Bar**

Council Notes:

1. The Union Bar is a social space for students and should not display symbols that cause others to feel unwelcome.
2. There is a mural on the wall of The Union Bar which displays decorative symbols and references that are deliberately provocative to those of the Christian faith, such as a “666” and other symbols.
3. There are many Christian students who would be opposed to the presence of such imagery when attending The Union Bar which may make them feel unwelcome. Images that are not needed in such an environment.

Council Believes:

The Students’ Union building and its facilities should be an inclusive space for all students regardless of background and faith.

Council Directs:

The Executive Management Committee to seek the removal of such imagery from The Union Bar.

Proposer: David Bingham (Councillor – Undergraduate)

Seconder: Jay Basra (Councillor – Undergraduate)

11. Report of the Management Board and Recommendations

11.1 Report of the Management Board (to be presented at the November Meeting of Council)

12. Report of the Executive Management Committee and Recommendations

12.1	Report of the Executive Management Committee	SUC/P/25/47
12.2	Report of the Union President (October 2025)	SUC/P/25/48
12.3	Report of the Student Officer Activities and Engagement (October 2025)	SUC/P/25/49
12.4	Report of the Student Officer Accessible Education (October 2025)	SUC/P/25/50
12.5	Report of the Student Officer Postgraduate Education (October 2025)	SUC/P/25/51
12.6	Report of the Student Officer Undergraduate Education (October 2025)	SUC/P/25/52

- 12.7 Report of the Student Officer Welfare and Community (October 2025) SUC/P/25/53
13. Reports from other Union Committees and Recommendations
There are none.
14. Reports from University Committees
There are none.
15. Constitutional Questions
There are none.
16. Questions (to Elected Student Representatives)
There are none.
17. Any Other Competent Business
18. Date of Next Statutory Meeting of the Students' Union Council
Monday 17 November 2025 at 4.00 p.m. in The Cube, Level 1, One Elmwood.