

Birmingham City Students' Union

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP BYLAW

A. Regulations for the granting of Honorary Membership, Associateship, Honorary Officership

NOTE: *Under Article 4, the Directors may exercise their discretion to admit people to be Honorary members, friends or associates of the Union.*
Under Article 80, Council may invite persons to become Honorary Officers or Patrons of the Company.

1. Honorary Membership

- 1.1 The Directors may exercise their discretion to admit into Honorary membership-
 - 1.1.1 Any person who, in the opinion of the Directors, has made a significant contribution to the life and work of the Union; or
 - 1.1.2 Any person who, in the opinion of the Directors, has made a significant contribution to the life and work of the University; or
 - 1.1.3 Any person who, in the opinion of the Directors, has made a significant contribution to furthering the interests of students, at any level or location, and should be recognised by the Union.
- 1.2 Honorary membership shall be granted on the nomination of a member.
- 1.3 There shall be no subscription for honorary members.
- 1.4 Honorary members shall be entitled to use the social and leisure facilities of the Union. They shall be issued with an appropriate members' card by the General Manager.
- 1.5 The Directors shall report to Council all admissions as Honorary Members at the next available opportunity.

2. Associates

- 2.1 The following shall be Associates unless the Directors otherwise resolve –
 - 2.1.1 Members of the Board of Governors.
 - 2.1.2 Members of staff of the University.
 - 2.1.3 Persons attending events at the University.
- 2.2 A person shall be admitted as an associate-
 - 2.2.1 On the consideration of the appropriate form.
 - 2.2.2 On the approval, in relation to a particular event or series of events, of a 'block' application.
- 2.3 The General Manager shall make appropriate arrangements to ensure that associates are able to exercise their rights.

- 2.4 Associates shall have access to such of the social facilities of the Union as the Directors may determine from time to time.

3. Honorary Officers

- 3.1 The Council may appoint Honorary Officers if, in their opinion-
- 3.1.1 There is a need to ensure the Union has access to high-quality advice in a particular field.
 - 3.1.2 Such advice is unavailable within the Union and unlikely to become so.
 - 3.1.3 A person with the relevant expertise and/or knowledge is willing to become an Honorary Officer.
- 3.2 No Honorary Officers shall be remunerated for their service, other than the payment of expenses properly incurred on Union business.
- 3.3 Honorary Officers shall be entitled to-
- 3.3.1 Advise the Directors on such matters as they have expertise in.
 - 3.3.2 If necessary, give advice to Council or General Meetings, with a view to ensuring the Company complies with relevant legislation or Regulations.
 - 3.3.3 Advise, in confidence, the General Manager on those areas in which they have expertise.
 - 3.3.4 Use the social and leisure facilities of the Union.
- 3.4 Honorary Officers shall be removable by a resolution of a General Meeting as if Sections 303 and 304 of the Companies Act, 1985 applied them.
- 3.5 The General Manager shall ensure that Honorary Officers receive appropriate identification.

4. Reciprocal Membership Arrangements

- 4.1 The Directors may, from time to time, authorise reciprocal membership arrangements with;
- 4.1.1 Member organisations of NUS and it's associated organisations; or
 - 4.1.2 Member organisations of other student confederations which the Union is a member of; or
 - 4.1.3 Such other organisations as Council may approve.