



Membership Regulations

1. Purpose and preamble

- 1.1 The aim of this document is to clarify and ratify the membership processes and rights of Bath Spa University Students' Union.
- 1.2 From time to time there will be a requirement to update these procedures; this will be done at least every two years.
- 1.3 The Union President shall be responsible for the implementation and interpretation of this policy.
- 1.4 The Membership Regulation forms an appendix to the Constitution and in the event of any conflict, the Constitution is the overriding document of authority.

2. Members

The members of the Union shall be as follows:

2.1 Members

- 2.1.1 Each and every current fully enrolled student of Bath Spa University shall be members of the Union unless they choose not to be so
- 2.1.2 The Sabbatical Officers of the Union.

2.2 Associate Members

- 2.2.1 The Trustees may elect to and remove from associate membership of the Union such persons as they consider suitable. The Trustees will determine the form of application for associate membership, and associate membership shall be subject to such rights and obligations as the Trustees consider appropriate.

3. Membership registration

- 3.1 Each and every current fully enrolled student of Bath Spa University shall be automatically a member of the Union unless they opt-out.
- 3.2 Opt-out process

Students shall be informed annually about opting-out procedure and of the consequences of so doing.

A student opting-out of the Union shall not be unfairly disadvantaged with regard to the provision of facilities, services or otherwise, and shall automatically be given the rights as set out under 4.3

- 3.2.1 This right to opt-out shall be permitted annually at the point of enrolment or re-enrolment with the University.
- 3.2.2 A member may opt-out after this point if he/she feels that their continued membership would have a negative effect on their rights as an individual, in which case a student may opt-out by formally writing to the Union President stating their request and reason to opt-out
- 3.2.3 Should a student opt-out after the point of enrolment/ re-enrolment, the Union President shall inform the University, supplying a copy of the relevant correspondence.

3.2.4 Any opt-out decision will remain effective for the duration of the academic year unless a student takes specific action to resume membership, by formally writing to the Union President. The Union President shall inform the University, supplying a copy of the relevant correspondence.

3.3 Trustees shall determine and publish the form of application for associate membership.

4. Membership Rights

4.1 Full Membership

4.1.1 A member of the Union has the right to use/take part in all facilities, services, activities of the Union, and take part in all democratic processes of the Union in accordance with the Constitution and by-laws of the Union.

4.1.2 A Member shall automatically cease to be a Member of the Union if:

4.1.2.1 he or she ceases to be a student;

4.1.2.2 he or she ceases to be a Sabbatical Officer;

4.1.2.3 he or she opts out of membership by giving written notice to the Union in accordance with 3.2.

4.1.2.4 in the case of members other than the Officer, the members is expelled by the Trustees in accordance with 4.1.2.4.1 & 4.1.2.4.2

4.1.2.4.1 A resolution expelling a member must be passed at a meeting of the Trustees at which at least half of the Trustees are present resolving that the member be expelled on the grounds that his or her continued membership is harmful to or is likely to become harmful to the interests of the Union.

4.1.2.4.2 Such a resolution shall not be passed unless the member has been given at least 14 clear days' notice that the resolution is to be proposed, specifying the circumstances alleged to justify expulsion, and has been afforded a reasonable opportunity of being heard by or of making written representations to the Trustees.

4.2 Associate Members

4.2.1 Associate membership shall be subject to such rights and obligations as the Trustees consider appropriate; these shall be published annually.

4.2.2 Associate members shall not be members for the purposes of this Constitution and shall not be entitled to vote on any matter.

4.3 Rights of students who opt-out of membership of the Union

4.3.1 Students who opt-out of full membership of the Union shall automatically be given Associate Membership to ensure that he/she shall not be unfairly disadvantaged with regard to the provision of facilities, services and activities.

4.3.2 Students who opt-out of membership of the Union shall be given the following rights:

4.3.2.1 Use of all Union services, facilities and activities

4.3.2.2 Be a member of a club, group or society affiliated to the Union

4.3.2.3 Be elected as a Student Academic Representative within the University

4.3.3 A Student who opts-out of membership of the Union shall not be permitted
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- 4.3.3.1 To take part in any democratic processes of the Union
- 4.3.3.2 Attend or speak at any formal Union meeting
- 4.3.3.3 Vote or stand for a Union Officer post in Union elections
- 4.3.3.4 Become an officer of a club, group or society
- 4.3.3.5 Have formal representation by the Union other than through its advice services or Student Academic Representatives
- 4.3.3.6 Sign guests into the Union bar in accordance with Licensing Laws