**Proposer: The Full Time Officer Team** **Warwick No:**

**Seconder: The Full Time Officer Team** **Warwick No:**

**This Union Notes:**

1. Elections form a core part of the governance and democratic processes at Warwick Students’ Union and are a requirement for all students’ unions to elect sabbatical officers as per the Education Act 1994.
2. Bylaw 614 (Elections Quorum) requires that the Students’ Union has quoracy for elections, requiring a turnout of 10% of the eligible membership for sabbatical officers, and the majority of other elected positions defined as the number of candidates plus one.

**This Union Believes:**

1. There is a risk if elections quotas are not met as to whether elections can be ratified.
2. Having a quoracy can in practice penalise candidates if this is not reached.
3. With the suitable promotion of elections, and having a high level of student engagement, then a high level of voter turnout should be achieved.
4. Having a quoracy represents a risk of being unable to fill key elected roles and does not reflect targets in the Strategic Plan or encourage a culture of engagement beyond raw numbers voting.

**This Union Resolves:**

1. To remove Points 613 and 614 of Bylaw 6 concerning Election Quoracy.
2. To ensure that any future roles and / or elected positions do not require a quoracy to be elected.

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**Appendix**

Quorum

613 At the beginning of each election period the Democracy and Development Officer will obtain from the University Registrar the number of students registered at the University and the number of students who have chosen to opt out from the Union.

614 Quorum shall be

a) For Sabbatical Officers, 10% of Full Members

b) For Student Executive Committee Members, the number of candidates for the position plus one

c) For Liberation Officers, the number of candidates for the position plus one

d) For International Students’ Officers, the number of candidates for the position plus one

e) For Part-time and Mature Students’ Officer, the number of candidates for the position plus one

f) For Chair and Deputy Chair of Council, 50% of a ‘Super Council’ comprised of all full voting members of the Student Executive Committees and Student Council.

g) For University Representatives (not including Faculty Representatives) the number of candidates for the position plus one

h) For NUS Conference Delegates, the number of candidates for the position

i) For Student and External Trustees, 50% of Student Council Members

j) For all other positions, 5% of eligible voters