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

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

**This Union Notes:**

*This section should include any facts, figures or statements that you believe are relevant to the topic of your policy. Remember in this section clear and effective referencing is important.*

1. During 2021/22, the Union undertook an external consultation of our Governance systems and have taken part in a Governance Regeneration Project
2. Part of this project has assessed and reviewed our Democratic Structures, Elected Leaders, Trustee Board processes and elections processes
3. The full report can be found under Student Council paper reports distributed for the 10/05/22
4. Associations were created to opt-in various different marginalized groups to foster a link between some of our Part-Time Officers and various different student led groups
5. That Associations are serve a vital function within the Students’ Union, by:
	* 1. Acting as a voice for specific communities of students here at Warwick,
		2. Consulting their communities, and being consulted on issues affecting their communities,
		3. Bringing relevant concerns to the attention of the SU and the University on behalf of their communities,
		4. Organising activities for the benefit of their communities, and
		5. Communicating relevant updates and opportunities to their communities and supporters.

**This Union Believes:**

*This section should include opinions or supporting statements for your policy.*

1. Associations were established in the 2021/22 academic year and had various issues in relation to their structure, management and overall Union responsibility and support
2. The union should look to simplify structures for student groups to include associations to reduce the risk posed to the SU
3. Associations should be opt-in and resemble society like support given by the SU

**This Union Resolves:**

*This section should be about how you want the SU to react, the outcome of this policy. Remember to mandate specific departments/sabbatical officers; this will make things easier for future accountability*

1. To include bylaws on associations under bylaw 5 which include the following:
	1. Associations will be treated as society structures with the following difference
		1. Financially they will be allocated a pot of funding from the SU to deliver events, activities and other campaigns relating to its work
		2. That the relevant part-time officer will be co-chair in its exec
		3. The relevant part-time officer and other officers if required will consult the relevant association on any activity or matters arising relating to its own field.
	2. Associations will be trained by a member of the Governance and Influence team (or to that equivalent)
	3. The composition of the exec committee to include at least 4 positions that are elected
	4. The elections of the association be treated similar to clubs and societies
2. This bylaw and policy to be in effect if passed at the start of the next academic year (2022/23)
3. This bylaw and subsequent activity of associations be annual reviewed by the Governance and Influence team until the policy lapses, if passed.
4. Any new associations that wish to be created will need to first consult the relevant officer and SU, and then later approved by the Full-Time Officer team to then be ratified at the assembled meeting for the purposes of SU Democracy

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