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Trans Conference Amendments to the rules

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Motion A


Standing orders


Tabled by: University of Strathclyde Students' Association

Conference resolves:

1. To make the following the Standing Orders of the NUS Scotland Trans Campaign:
 1. There will be at least one meeting of NUS Scotland Trans Conference in each academic year.
 2. These rules apply to all meetings of NUS Scotland Trans Conference as defined in clause 2 and as empowered in clause 1252 of the NUS UK Constitution.
 3. The lead officer of the NUS Scotland Trans Campaign shall be defined as:
 - NUS Scotland Trans Officer
 4. All persons attending NUS Scotland Trans Conference in whatever capacity shall define under the Trans umbrella (including but not limited to the following identities: agender, androgyne, gender-fluid, genderqueer, transgender, transsexual, transvestite, neutrois, non-binary) and those who are questioning their gender identity.
 5. If an individual who does not define into the campaign is required to attend, then this can only happen through the invitation of the Trans Campaign Committee.
 6. Those attending NUS Scotland Trans Conference shall be categorised as follows:
 - Delegates who shall have full speaking and voting rights
 - The Trans Officer and members of the Trans Committee shall be classified as delegates
 - Observers with speaking but no voting rights
 7. Constituent Members shall be entitled to send the same number of delegates to NUS Scotland Liberation Campaign Conferences as to NUS Scotland Conference
 8. Delegates to the NUS Scotland Trans Conference must be elected by self-defining trans students according to provision of the relevant Clause of the Articles of Association and Rules of NUS UK.
 9. There shall be no limit on the number of observers that a Constituent Member may send to NUS Scotland Trans Conference.
 10. Self-defining Trans members of the NUS Scotland Executive Committee shall be classed as observers at meetings of the NUS Scotland Trans Conference.
 11. Representatives from other organisations may be invited to NUS Scotland Trans Conference at the discretion and agreement of the Trans campaign committee.
 12. Members of the relevant Procedures Committee shall have speaking rights on matters relating to their responsibilities only, but shall have no voting rights.
 13. If a dispute arises as to the eligibility of a person to attend NUS Scotland Trans Conference, it shall be referred to the Trans Procedures Committee whose decision shall be final subject only to revocation by NUS Scotland.

Trans Conference


14. No session of meetings of NUS Scotland Trans Conference, excluding workshops, shall proceed to business unless 5 constituent members are present.
 15. The NUS Scotland Trans Conference shall be regulated in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of NUS Scotland or by reference to the Articles of Association and Rules of the National Union.
 16. NUS Scotland Trans Conference shall have the following powers:
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- To pass resolutions on matters of interest to the Trans Campaign, which shall be binding for the Trans Campaign committee and the Trans Officer.
 - To receive reports and ask questions of the Trans Campaign Committee either collectively or individually
 - To elect the Trans Officer
 - To elect the Trans Campaign Committee

NUS Scotland Trans Campaign Committee

17. There shall be a campaign committee for the NUS Scotland Trans Campaign. The composition of this committee shall be as follows:
 - NUS Scotland Trans Officer who shall be a full member with voting rights
 - Up to six other full members with voting rights elected at the NUS Scotland Trans Conference of which shall be made up of two Open places, one Women's place, one Disabled place, one POC place, one FE place, and one Non-Binary place.
 - Self-defining Trans members of the NUS Scotland Executive Committee who shall be non-voting members of the campaign committee.
18. The NUS Scotland Trans Campaign Committee may co-opt others on to the committee as required.
19. Convening meetings of campaign committees shall be the responsibility of the Trans Officer or a majority vote by members of the Trans Campaign committee.
20. There will be a minimum of four meetings during the term of office, and the Trans Officer is bound to notify the Committee of the date of the first meeting within one month of taking office.
21. The quorum for meetings of NUS Scotland Trans Campaign Committee shall be half plus one of the actual full members, rounding down where applicable.
22. Any full member of the NUS Scotland Trans Campaign Committee who fails to attend two consecutive meetings without submitting apologies shall be deemed to have resigned.
23. NUS Scotland Trans Campaign Committees shall have the following powers:
 - To enact the policies agreed by the NUS Scotland Trans Conference
 - To fill any vacancy amongst full members of the campaign committee except the lead officer with a co-optee.
24. All NUS Scotland Trans Campaign Committee shall ensure that any vacancy to be filled by co-option is circulated to all the constituent members in Scotland in sufficient time for individuals to be proposed to the campaign committee.
25. All elected members of NUS Scotland Trans Campaign Committees shall take office on 1 July after the conference which elected them and they will serve until the last day of June the following year.

NUS Scotland Trans Campaign Procedures Committee

26. There shall be a Procedures Committee for the NUS Scotland Trans Conference.
 27. The membership of the Procedures Committee shall be:
 - Two members elected at NUS Scotland Trans Conference.
 - If possible, an agreed member of the NUS Scotland Procedures Committee who defines into that campaign who will act as a liaison between the two bodies.
 28. In the absence of an individual serving on NUS Scotland Procedures Committee who defines into the NUS Scotland Trans Campaign a liaison shall be appointed by the NUS Scotland Procedures Committee who shall attend meetings of the NUS Scotland Trans Procedures Committee by invitation only. They will have no voting rights and shall not be entitled to attend the Trans Campaign conference.
 29. The NUS Scotland Trans Procedures Committees shall have the following status and duties:
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- The duties of the NUS Scotland Trans Procedures Committee shall be the same as those of the NUS Scotland Procedures Committee and will have the power to govern and interpret all matters relating to the NUS Scotland Trans Campaign rules, except elections.
 - The NUS Scotland Trans Procedures Committee shall act as the credentials committee for their Conference.
 - The NUS Scotland Trans Procedures Committee shall be responsible for ensuring active participation in conference and promotion of the elections. All other election matters shall be dealt with by the Chief Returning Officer or their nominee.

30. Members of NUS Scotland Trans Procedures Committee shall serve from the end of the conference at which they were elected until the end of the relevant conference the following year.

31. The NUS Scotland Trans Procedures Committee shall meet as and when it deems it fit to deal with matters relating to the Trans Conference.

Elections of NUS Scotland Trans Officer and committee members


32. The officer for each NUS Scotland Trans Campaign shall be elected in accordance with the following provisions:


- The NUS Scotland Trans Officer shall be elected by Alternative Transferable Vote at the Trans Conference
- Only those individuals who define into the campaign shall be eligible to stand for Trans Officer. They must also at the time of the election be a full or part time member of the National Union and from a constituent member in Scotland.
- Any individual who has held the post of Trans Officer on two occasions shall be ineligible to stand for re-election to that post.
- Nominations for Trans Officer shall be made by at least three full-time or part-time members who define into the NUS Scotland Trans Campaign from at least three different constituent members.
- Nominations must be received by the Chief Returning Officer or their nominated representative no later than 2pm ten working days before the date of the NUS Scotland Trans Conference.

33. The NUS Scotland Trans Committee shall be elected with the following provisions:

- Full members of any NUS Scotland Trans Committee shall be elected by Single Transferable Vote at the Trans Conference.
- There will be up to seven members of the NUS Scotland Trans Campaign Committee. The committee shall be made up of two Open places, one Women's place, one Disabled place, one POC place, one FE place, and one Non-Binary place.
- To stand for one of the non-open places, candidates must self-define into the relevant category to be eligible.
- Any individual shall be eligible to stand for NUS Scotland Trans Committee provided they self-define into that campaign and at the time of the election and the close of nominations they are a full or part-time member of the National Union from a constituent member in Scotland.
- Any individual who has served as a member of NUS Scotland Trans Committee on two occasions shall be ineligible for re-election to the Trans Committee.
- Nominations for election to the NUS Scotland Trans Committee shall be made by at least three full or part-time individuals who self-define into the Trans campaign from three different constituent members.
- Nominations must be received by the Chief Returning Officer or their designate at a time specified by them and notified to conference delegates in a formal session of conference.

34. The NUS Scotland Trans Procedures Committees shall be elected in accordance with the following provisions:




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- Two full members of the NUS Scotland Trans Procedures Committee shall be elected by Single Transferable Vote at the Trans Conference
 - An individual who self-defines into the NUS Scotland Trans Campaign shall be eligible to stand as a member of the Trans Procedures Committee provided at the close of nominations and at the time of the election they are a full or part-time member of the National Union at a constituent member in Scotland
 - A serving member of the NUS Scotland Trans Procedures Committee shall be eligible to stand for elections.
 - Nominations for election to the NUS Scotland Trans Procedures Committee shall be made by at least two delegates at the Trans Conference from two different constituent members
 - Nominations must be received by the Chief Returning Officer or their nominee no later than a time specified by them and notified to conference delegates in a formal session of conference.

NUS Scotland Trans campaign regulations

35. Before the NUS Scotland Trans Conference the Trans Procedures Committee shall give written notice to all constituent members that the conference will take place at least eight weeks and one day before the conference is to be held.
36. Written notice of motions submitted by Constituent Members shall reach the NUS Scotland Trans Procedures Committees or their nominated agents at least five weeks before the conference is to take place. A constituent member may submit up to three ordinary motions, none of which should exceed 500 words. The motions shall be circulated to constituent members on the next working day after the Trans Procedures Committee has met to consider the motions. Such a meeting may take place through electronic communications if required and the outcome conveyed to a nominated agent of the Trans Procedures Committee.
37. Written notice of amendments to submitted motions shall reach the relevant NUS Scotland Trans Procedures Committee or its nominated agent at least two weeks before the relevant conference. Constituent members may submit up to three amendments to any motions that have been submitted and circulated. The amendments shall be circulated to constituent members on the next working day after the Trans Procedures Committee has met to consider them. Such a meeting may take place through electronic communications if required and the outcome conveyed to a nominated agent of the Trans Procedures Committee
38. Constituent members may submit up to one emergency motion but the motion must satisfy the criteria set out in the NUS UK rules. Emergency motions must be submitted in writing to the NUS Scotland Trans Procedures Committee or their nominated agents no later than 11am on the day of the Trans Conference.
39. Motions of No Confidence in the Trans Committee or Trans Officer may be submitted as ordinary motions or amendments, except that such motions shall be tabled at the relevant report session.
40. The relevant NUS Scotland Trans Committee shall have the power to prioritise one motion for discussion at their Campaign Conference.
41. For the purposes of the NUS Scotland Trans Conference the Trans Campaign Committee shall be deemed to be a delegation and shall be referred to as a constituent member with full voting rights. They will not be able to have observer status.
42. All other procedures shall follow the Regulations of NUS Scotland, as suitably amended.

Amendments to these standing orders

43. These Standing Orders may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the Conference, provided that the basic form of the amendments was circulated with the Ordinary Motions Document.
 44. The Procedures Committee shall be empowered to update these Standing Orders, applying plain English after each meeting of the Conference, and may make additional changes to ensure compliance with the NUS Articles of Governance and the NUS Scotland Rules.
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45. Amendments approved by the Conference shall not come into effect until the close of the Conference meeting at which they were agreed.





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