

Contact details	
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Student Impact	
Have you consulted students about your proposal? Please explain how many students you have engaged with and how.	Proposal to change numbers passed at Annual Student meeting
How does your proposal impact the students at the University of Plymouth, what difference will it make to students?	Increased opportunity for students to participate in UPSU Trustee Board allowing for more roles for individual students and a greater student voice on Board

Policy Proposal	
The Union Notes (Facts) This section should include facts, not reflection or opinions. Please provide references where possible.	
<p>1. On the 23rd April the Annual Student Meeting agreed to; “To remove the specific numbers of each trustee type listed in the Articles of Association, to allow such decisions to be taken jointly by the Trustees and Union Council. To further note that a formal proposal to increase the number of student trustees on the Board from two to four will be presented to Union Council if these amendments pass at this meeting.”</p>	
The Union Believes (Opinions/Beliefs) This section requires reflection on the facts stated in ‘The Union Notes’	

1. An increase in the number of Student Trustees is beneficial for the UPSU Board of Trustees.

The Union Resolves (Actions) Here you will describe the action you want to be taken, be specific.

1. For UPSU to increase the number of Student Trustees from two to four and to engage the additional Student Trustees in the next recruitment cycle (intended for April/May 2021)

Appendices/supporting information Please include any supporting information relevant to your motion, this could include; consideration of how you would achieve any points in 'The Union Resolves', links to news articles or online publications

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF 20TH APRIL AND 5TH MAY 2021

Student Trustee Increase Policy Proposal – see appendix 4

In the absence of KC who had proposed the policy, Emi Dowse, VP Education explained that this was discussed as part of the proposals at the ASM. At the ASM it was agreed to amend the Memorandum and Articles of Association to remove the numbers of each Trustee type. It was further agreed that a formal proposal to increase the number of Student Trustees from two to four would be put to Union Council.

Verity Lemm, VP Activities added that when the Sabb roles merged part of the agreement for that to happen was to increase the number of Student Trustees on the Board to keep the levels of student representation. Only two Trustees were recruited last year as, due to timing, the changes could not be made in time to still take advantage of being able to promote to students in term time. Emi Dowse added that this has been voted in at the ASM so it just need to be formalised here at Union Council.

Martin Nicholls, Part-time Mature Students Officer noted the proposer of the motion is not here and asked if this had been proposed by a member of staff.

Verity Lemm acknowledged that the Sabbatical Officers do speak to staff about many things but reassured Union Council that this has come directly from Sabbs and that discussion was led by Officers on the Trustee Board when the roles merged. It will only benefit students to have another two student representatives on the Board of Trustees.

The Chair noted that absent members will be asked to vote by email following the meeting

For:18

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

Absent Union Council members were given 5 working days to cast their vote via email, final voting numbers reached quoracy.

For: 22

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1