

Byelaw 1 – Membership

1.1. Types of member

1. Full members – Automatic membership
 - a. Any student enrolled at Solent University
 - b. All Union Sabbatical Officers

2. Associate members – May be subject to a fee set by Trustees
 - a. Union and University staff
 - b. Former students of the University
 - c. Anyone on an approved scheme with an associated institution

3. Reciprocal Members- May be subject to a fee set by Trustees
 - a. Any student from an institution who is affiliated to the NUS who is living or working in Southampton
 - b. Any student from other student organisations who has been granted reciprocal membership by Student Council

1.2. Privileges of membership

1. The privileges of full membership are;
 - a. Use of Union social facilities
 - b. Access to service and support facilities
 - c. To join Union affiliated Clubs, Societies and Liberation groups, subject to their conditions of membership
 - d. To participate in Union Democratic Structures
 - e. To run for elected office in the Union, or propose and second candidates for elected office
 - f. Representation on academic issues
 - g. To introduce up to two guests at any one time to members only restricted areas within the Union
 - h. Access to:
 - i. the Governing documents of the Union
 - ii. minutes of any Union meeting except those dealing with issues relating to staff or disciplinary matters
 - iii. the Annual Accounts of the Union
 - iv. The Annual Report of the Union
 - v. The list of organisations to which the Union is affiliated including details of affiliation fees.

2. The privileges of associate membership are;
 - a. Use of Union social facilities
 - b. To join Union Societies and activities, subject to their conditions of membership

3. The privileges of reciprocal membership are;
 - a. Use of Union social facilities
 - b. To join Union Societies and activities, subject to their conditions of membership

1.3. Student Opt-Out

1. Students wishing to opt out of membership may do so by either;
 - a. Opting out at the point of enrolment to Solent University
 - b. In writing to the SU President who will inform the University Secretary within 5 days

2. The privileges of students who have chosen to opt out of membership (as outlined in the Education Act 1994) are:
 - a. Use of Union social facilities
 - b. To join Union Activities, subject to their conditions of membership
 - c. Access to service and support facilities

3. Those students who have chosen to opt out of membership will still be subject to the same code of conduct as members, and the trustees may still withdraw these privileges if the student breaks this code of conduct.

1.4 Membership Requirements

All members of the Union and opted out students are required to conduct themselves according to the Governing documents and Code of conduct whilst engaging in any Union activities. Any breach of these provisions shall be considered a disciplinary matter and may result in any or all privileges of membership being withdrawn.

1.5 Termination of membership

Membership of the Union and the rights of an Opted Out Student will immediately terminate if;

1. They cease to be a Student at Solent University;
2. They cease to be employed by either the Union or the University;
3. Membership is withdrawn as a result of the disciplinary procedures