

Assembly Paper

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| Paper Title | Bye-Law Amendments – Overview |
| Action for Assembly | To approve <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The amendment of the Bye-Laws in accordance with the Articles of Association and recommend to the Board of Trustees for approval and to implement on a date they determine.• For the Board of Trustees to make further amendments to ensure consistency or include important points relating to the merger. |
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Overview

Following the University confirming [its intention to merge to become City St George's, University of London](#), City, University of London Students' Union and St George's Students' Union are working to combine the resources, services, and activities of to create a unified and enhanced student experience as a single Students' Union.

To accommodate the merger, updates to the Articles of Association effective from August 1, 2024, are necessary. CSU has completed [a referendum](#) on March 28, 2024, garnering student support. 1492 students voted in the referendum, exceeding quorum, and 84.9% voted in favour of the [Proposal to amend the Articles of Association](#). Approvals will be sought from the Company Law Members, City, University of London Council, the Charity Commission, and Company Houses.

Bye-laws shall also be updated to align with the changes in the Articles, effective from August 1, 2024 or the date the revised Articles are implemented. The revisions have been agreed by the Students' Union Merger Project Board and are subject to approval of the CSU Assembly and Board of Trustees.

The updated Bye-Laws are contained within this pack and an overview of the changes can be found below.

| Bye-Law | Overview of Changes |
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| Bye-Law 1: Membership | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Changed the University name to 'City St George's, University of London'.• Added in clubs to reflect the Union running sport. |
| Bye-Law 2: Referendum | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Removed 'all student vote' – not language that we have ever moved to.• Move from 'Campaigner Handbook' to 'Campaigner Guidance' to reflect that a resource hub has been a model used for the past 2 votes. |
| Bye-Law 3: Elections | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Broadened out the definition of what the bye-law governs.• Added in constituency parameters for job shares. i.e. if this is not suitable for the Tooting Sabbatical Officer post.• Eligibility for the Tooting Executive Committee added.• Added in provision for sports clubs endorsing candidates. |
| Bye-Law 4: Student Officers | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Added a new type of Officers to accommodate St George's student Executive.• Changed the number of Sabbatical Officers to reflect changes to the Union's Articles of Association.• University name correction.• Added in provision for two Sabbatical Officer positions based in Tooting in the 2024/25 academic |

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| | <p>year; including details about which post will be a Sabbatical Trustee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added the name of the positions for the transitional year, based on their current titles. • Added in flexibility about the term of officers. |
| Bye-Law 5: Trustees of the Union | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amended Articles of Association numbering. • Amended the University name. |
| Bye-Law 6: Assembly | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added details on the purpose of the Assembly. • Lowered the threshold for additional meetings being called by the Assembly Members. • Lowered the quoracy for Assembly to make decisions. • Added a requirement for Assembly Members to consult students on items a head of the meetings. • Added the ability for items to be approved via circulation. • Added in details on Student Members' Meetings. |
| Bye-Law 7: Student Groups | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added in the provision for Sports Clubs and Community Projects to reflect the offer from the Union(s). • Added in required details on sports governing bodies (BUCS and LUSL). |
| Bye-Law 8: Affiliations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor amendments to wording. • Amendment to reflect the duties of the Student Members' Meeting in approving affiliations. |
| Bye-Law 9: Complaints and Disciplinary Procedure | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor grammatical correction. • Added in the provision for license premises |
| Bye-Law 10: Amendments to the Articles of Association | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amended Articles of Association numbering. |

Recommendations:

Assembly Members are asked

- to **approve** the amendment of the Bye-Laws in accordance with the Articles of Association and recommend to the Board of Trustees for approval and to implement on a date they determine.
- to **approve** for the Board of Trustees to make further amendments to ensure consistency or include important points relating to the merger.