



MEMBERS DEFINITIONS AND RIGHTS

BY LAW of

CHESTER STUDENTS' UNION

Passed at Student Council on 2 December 2019
Trustee Board on 25 November 2019

1. Full Members

- 1.1. All registered students of the University can opt into membership via the University online registration process.
- 1.2. Union Sabbatical Officers shall automatically be full members of the Union.
- 1.3. There will be no fee for full membership.
- 1.4. Full members are entitled to:
 - 1.4.1. vote in any election organised by the Union;
 - 1.4.2. stand in any such election, and to propose or second any nominee in such election;
 - 1.4.3. attend, vote and speak at a General Meeting;
 - 1.4.4. propose or second any motion put forward to a General Meeting;
 - 1.4.5. join any society affiliated to the Union on payment of appropriate fee;
 - 1.4.6. make use of any facility and services provided by the Union, on payment of any appropriate fees and so long as such use is lawful.

2. Life Members

- 2.1. Any past student of the University can apply for life membership, regardless of the period of time they studied, or qualification achieved as long as they;
 - 2.1.1. Complete an application form and supply a picture;
 - 2.1.2. Pay a one off payment of £10;
 - 2.1.3. Agree to abide by all Union rules and regulations;
 - 2.1.4. Have not been the subject of a Union disciplinary that led to the Trustee Board removing their right to be a life time member;
 - 2.1.5. Have not been the subject of a University disciplinary that prevents them being on University premises.
- 2.2. Life members are entitled to:
 - 2.2.1. join any society affiliated to the Union in a non-representational capacity;
 - 2.2.2 make use of Union facilities

3. Honorary Life Members

- 3.1. The following individuals can be nominated by Student Council or the Trustee Board for Honorary Life Membership;
 - 3.1.1. Past Sabbatical Officers;
 - 3.1.2. Vice Chancellor and Pro Vice Chancellors of University of Chester, past and present;
 - 3.1.3. Any student, former external trustee or other individual who is deemed to have given continued time and service to the Union and is nominated by Student Council.
- 3.2. Each nomination will be taken to the next Trustee Board Meeting by the President, where a simple majority will be required to accept the application.
- 3.3. There will be no fee for honorary life membership.
- 3.4. Honorary life members are entitled to:
 - 3.4.1. join any society affiliated to the Union in a non-representational capacity;
 - 3.4.2. make use of any Union facilities.

4. Associate Members

- 4.1. Current students of The College of Law are eligible to apply for associate membership as long as they:
 - 4.1.1. Agree to abide by all Union rules and regulations;
 - 4.1.2. Pay the fee of £10;
- 4.2. Each nomination will be taken to the next Trustee Board Meeting by the President, where a simple majority will be required to accept the application.
- 4.3. Associate members are entitled to:
 - 4.3.1. join any society affiliated to the Union in a non-representational capacity;
 - 4.3.2. make use of Union facilities

5. Disciplinary

- 5.1. If any member takes action which is found by a Membership Disciplinary Panel to be Misconduct, the Membership Disciplinary Panel may, for any period of time, deprive that member of some or all of their rights of membership; however CSU will never deprive a member of the right of representation conferred by the Education Act 1994.
- 5.2. Details of any Associate Member disciplinary action may be passed onto the Student Services department of The College of Law.
- 5.3. Students may exercise their right to leave membership of the Union by writing to the Chief Executive Officer indicating their wish not to be a member of the Union.
- 5.4. Life, Honorary Life and Associate members may withdraw their membership at any time in writing, with the forfeit of all rights and any subscription paid.

6. Rights of Non-Members

- 6.1. Students who opt out will not be unfairly disadvantaged with regard to provision of representational services or otherwise, by reason of having done so.
- 6.2. The Union will endeavour to offer guidance to registered students who are non-members as appropriate. Where the issues are such that they cannot be dealt with in the Union, direction shall be given to the relevant University department or recognised organisation.
- 6.3. Relevant problems will be dealt with according to importance, irrespective of member or non-member status.
- 6.4. Non-members of the Union must be signed in to any Union event, or relevant facility, by a current full member and the appropriate charge for this operation shall be applicable according to the standard procedures.
- 6.5. When a limited amount of tickets are available to any Union premises or activity, members may be given preference.
- 6.6. Non-members may only join any sport or society affiliated to the Union in a non-representational capacity. They shall pay the appropriate subscription fee as specified by Trustee Board and join the Union as a Life member.
- 6.7. Non-members shall not be eligible to vote or stand for appointment as a Student Trustee or representative on Student Council.

7. Frequency of Review

- 7.1. This policy shall be reviewed by the Trustee Board at least every three years.