

STANDING ORDERS GOVERNING **THE BLACK & MINORITY ETHNICITY** **STUDENTS' CAMPAIGNS GROUP**

1. **Definition**

- 1.1 The Black & Minority Ethnicity (BME) Students' Campaigns Group is a standing committee as defined in Standing Order 1001 and will be subject to these regulations. The BME Students' Campaigns Group is responsible to the Campaigns Network and the Vice President Welfare & Community, and is supported by the Campaign Support Coordinator and Campaigns Assistant.

2. **Aims**

- 2.1 The BME Students' Campaigns Committee, with support from the Campaign Support Coordinator will:
 - 2.1.1 represent the views of BME members of University of Lincoln Students' Union (ULSU) to ULSU and the University based on student feedback;
 - 2.1.2 organise and deliver campaigns to increase awareness of BME Students' issues within ULSU and the University;
 - 2.1.3 support the Vice President Welfare & Community in the delivery of campus wide campaigns
 - 2.1.4 promote links with other similar groups and organisations, within the local community, regional area and nationally;

3. **BME Officer**

- 3.1 The Chair of the BME Students' Campaigns Committee is a part-time student officer and shall be known as the "BME Officer", and shall be elected once per academic year, in accordance with Bye-Law 7. The BME Officer shall have responsibility for the BME Students' Campaigns Committee. The BME Officer represents BME Students as a compulsory, voting attendee at All Student Members' meetings and the

Campaigns Network meetings, where they will report on the impact and progress of the BME Students' Campaigns Group.

4. **BME Students' Campaigns Committee**

- 4.1 In addition to the BME Officer there shall be a BME Students' Campaign Committee. The BME Students' Campaigns Committee shall be active in the promotion of BME Students' rights; in ULSU, nationally and globally in accordance with ULSU's charitable objects. The BME Students' Campaigns Committee shall be responsible for the organisation, direction and performance of the group in fulfilling its strategy and delivering on campaigns. The BME Students' Campaigns Committee shall be responsible for monitoring and updating its long term strategy.
- 4.2 The membership of the Committee shall be:
- 4.2.1 **BME Officer:** Who shall be the Chair of the Committee.
 - 4.2.2 **Secretary:** The Secretary shall assist the Disabled BME Officer in the administration and organisation of the BME Students' Campaigns Committee, and shall operate as the Deputy for the BME Officer. They shall be responsible for maintaining the membership list of the BME Students' Campaigns Committee; preparing and circulating papers prior to meetings and taking minutes;
 - 4.2.4 **Campaigns Officer:** The Campaigns Officer shall assist the committee in the running of its awareness campaigns and ensuring they are suitable for the entire membership. They shall assist the committee in supporting the Vice President Welfare & Community in the delivery of campus wide campaigns.
 - 4.2.5 **Publicity Officer:** The Publicity Officer shall be responsible for assisting the Campaigns Officer in advertising and promoting campaigns delivered or supported by the BME Students' Campaign Group. They shall promote representation activity undertaken by the group .
 - 4.2.6 **Communications Officer:** The Communications Officer shall be responsible for liaising and collaborating with student networks including academic representatives,

members of sports and societies, and student volunteers, to ensure campaigns have the maximum impact.

5. **Membership**

5.1 The BME Students' Campaigns Group has two types of membership:

5.1.1 **Full Membership:** Full membership is open to all BME students, and those who have an interest in BME student issues, who are full members of ULSU as defined in Bye-Law 1.

5.1.2 **Associate Membership:** Associate membership is open to all BME students, and those who have an interest in BME student issues, who are associate members of ULSU as defined in Bye-Law 1.

6. **Elections**

6.1 The BME Officer shall be elected in semester two in accordance with Bye-Law 7 and Standing Order 1001 (8.0) and shall hold their position for the next year. BME Students' Campaigns Committee members shall be elected in accordance with Standing Order 1001 (8.0, 11.0). If a member is elected through an emergency election during the academic year to fill a vacant post then they shall hold the position until the end of that academic year.

7. **Meetings**

7.1 Meetings of the BME Students' Campaigns Committee shall take place every six (6) weeks and at least twice per academic term

7.2 The BME Officer shall attend meetings of the Campaigns Network on a monthly basis.

8. **Quorum**

8.1 The quoracy of meetings of the BME Students' Campaigns Committee shall be two of the voting membership plus the BME Officer.

8.2 If the BME Officer is unable to attend, they can give written permission to the Secretary to chair the meeting.

8.2.1 This written permission will need to be included in the minutes of the relevant meeting, and circulated to other committee members.

9. Minutes

9.1 The minutes shall be taken by the Secretary, who will then send them to the clerk of the Campaigns Network, who shall be the Campaign Support Coordinator

9.2 In event of 8.2 occurring, then minutes shall be taken by the Campaigns Officer.

10. Voting

10.1 All motions shall require a three person majority (50% +1) to pass.

10.1.1 All votes shall be public except those on motions of caution, censure and no confidence which shall be conducted by secret ballot, counted by the Secretary and checked by the BME Officer.

10.1.2 If the motion is against the BME Officer then it shall be checked by the Vice President Welfare and Community.

10.1.3 If the motion is against the Secretary then the count will be by the BME Officer and checked by the Vice President Welfare and Community.

10.2 Motions of caution, censure and no confidence should be conducted in accordance with Standing Order 1001 (13.0).

11. Powers

11.1 The BME Students' Campaigns Committee shall be able to:

11.1.1 Pass a motion of caution against the BME Officer;

11.1.2 Bring motions of censure and no confidence, as detailed in Bye-Law 5, against a BME Officer to Campaigns Network Meeting;

11.1.3 Pass a motion of caution, censure or no confidence against other BME Students' Campaigns Committee members. Motions of no confidence are to be ratified by student members and if successful the member is removed from the BME Students' Campaigns Committee;

- 11.1.4 Submit questions in writing to the Trustees of ULSU to be asked by the Vice President Welfare and Community;

12. Budget

- 12.1 The budget for members of the Campaigns Network will be held as ring-fenced money within the Employability & Volunteering Department budget.
- 12.2 The BME Students' Campaigns Group will be able to request funding from this budget for specific campaigns, through an application to be approved by the Executive Committee.

JCB
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Passed at Executive Committee:

Ratified by student members: