

VIII. THE STUDENTS' UNION

This Ordinance is made pursuant to Article XV
of the Charter and Statute XVII

1. Title

The Organisation of Students of the Bangor University shall be known as the Bangor University Students' Union, hereinafter called "the Union".

2. Membership

2.1 All registered students of the University shall be eligible to become ordinary members of the Students' Union.

2.2 There shall be such further categories of membership (including life members, honorary members and reciprocal members) as may be specified in the Rules of the Union.

3. Objects and Powers

3.1 For the benefit of current and future members, the objects of the Union are:

- (i) To enhance their education
- (ii) To promote the general interest and welfare of the students of the University.
- (iii) To promote the cultural, intellectual, social and athletic activity of the students of the University.
- (iv) To promote closer integration and co-operation between the members and the local community.
- (v) To supply services and other facilities for the student body.

3.2 Subject to the Charter, Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations of the University, the Union shall, in addition to all other powers vested in the Union by this Ordinance, have the following powers:

- (i) To manage the internal affairs of the Union including the finances of the Union.
- (ii) To make recommendations to the University and other bodies in furtherance of the objects of the Union.

4. Constitutional Rules

4.1 The Union shall make such Constitutional Rules for the management of its affairs as it considers necessary provided that:

- (i) Such Constitutional Rules shall not be repugnant to this Ordinance.
 - (ii) All such Constitutional Rules shall be approved by the Students' Union Task Group, acting under powers delegated by the Council.
- 4.2 All approved Constitutional rules shall be binding on all members of the Union.
- 4.3 Constitutional Rules shall provide for:
- (i) The election of officers and committees of the Union.
 - (ii) The election or appointment of such representatives (being ordinary members) as may be required to serve on the Court, the Council, the Senate and committees of the University.
 - (iii) The holding of General Meetings.
 - (iv) The control of Union finances, the keeping of books of account and the preparation of the annual statement for audit.
- 4.4 There shall be provision for the amendment or revision of Constitutional_Rules by decision of a Trustee Board after due notice has been given. Any such amendment or revision shall require the approval of the Students' Union Task Group, which shall not unreasonably withhold approval.

5. Officers and Government

- 5.1 The Officers of the Union shall be a President together with such other Officers as shall be specified by the Constitutional Rules, All officers shall be registered full-time students of the University at the time of their election and for their period of office.
- 5.2 The affairs of the Union shall be conducted in accordance with the terms of *the Memorandum of Agreement between the University and the Students' Union* and such procedures as might be specified by the Constitutional Rules.
- 5.3 The Union shall have such Sabbatical Officers as have been approved by the Student Services/Students' Union Task Group. Such Sabbatical Officers shall be registered full-time students of the university at the time of their election and shall be registered as full-time students for their period of office as Sabbatical Officers. During this period they may, but need not, be registered for an academic course; but in any case such study shall not count towards the requirements for any degree, diploma, or other academic award. Sabbatical Officers shall be issued with a Service Agreement by the University which recognises their position as full time students of the University.

6. Discipline

- 6.1 The rules of the Union shall make provision for a disciplinary procedure to deal with alleged cases by members of any of the following:
- (i) Breaches of the Constitutional Rules.
 - (ii) Abuse of Union property.

(iii) Disorderly behaviour on Union premises or during the conduct of Union business.

6.2 In the case of an alleged offence which may be also a breach of University Rules, provision shall be made in the disciplinary procedure for consulting the University Authorities before any action is taken by the Union. In any such case the University disciplinary procedure shall take precedence over that of the Union.

7. Finance

7.1 Subject to the provisions of the Memorandum of Agreement between the University and the Union, the University shall make an annual grant to the funds of the Union. The amount of the grant will be determined by the Council and included in the University's financial estimates.

7.2 Members of the Union other than ordinary members shall pay such subscriptions as shall be specified by the Constitutional Rules of the Union.

7.3 The financial year of the Union and its affiliated clubs and societies shall end on 31st July, after which date the accounts of the Union shall be audited by the University Auditors. The accounts shall include a comprehensive statement covering all financial transactions of the Union. The audited accounts and the Auditor's report shall be presented to a General Meeting of the Union before being sent to the University Secretary for presentation to the Students' Union Task Group and the Audit & Risk Committee.

7.4 In case the Union fails to provide the audited statement of accounts by a specified date following the due date, or in the event of the University being satisfied that the financial viability of the Union has been placed at risk by mismanagement, fraud or failure to keep proper accounts, the University shall have power to take over the management of Union finances in a manner to be determined by the University.

8. Reserve Powers

8.1 The Council shall have the right to suspend the Constitutional Rules of the Union and to assume responsibility for all aspects of the Union's affairs in the event of the Union failing to operate within the terms of this Ordinance and its own Constitutional Rules.

8.2 The Council shall have the right to suspend the Constitutional Rules of the Union and to assume responsibility for all aspects of the Union's affairs in the event of the Union failing to comply with any reasonable requirement of the Council in respect of any legal obligation concerning the Union which is placed upon the University.