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## **Executive Summary**

The SU Constitution was last seen by the Board of Governors on 21 November 2011.

Since November, under both the current and the previous presidency, discussions have taken place within the Students' Union over the appropriate Cabinet Executive Committee positions within the Union.

The main change is to the Cabinet Officer roles: previously Treasurer, Administrative Assistant, Technical Co-ordinator and Communications Co-ordinator, now Events Officer, Administrative Officer and Welfare Officer.

- The removal of the role of Treasurer: in practice this has become a redundant role as managing the accounts has been a large-time commitment and therefore can only be done by the sabbatical role holder, the SU President. The President is supported by the Finance Department.
- The addition of the Welfare and Events Officers is to ensure that all issues affecting students are covered by the executive committee and that there are designated role holders to chair the new Welfare and Events committees. These new committees have been established to encourage engagement; by splitting the business of the previous "extended committee" members can join a committee most relevant to their interests.
- The Technical Co-ordinator is no longer an executive role but is a paid (part-time) position. This is a practical and specific role not a decision making role and paying the role-holder ensures greater accountability to the Union than a volunteer.

The changes (in **bold**) have been approved by the SU Parliament and the Senior Management Team.

**Recommendation: to** approve the amendments of the report for implementation for the forthcoming round of elections in May/June.