**Manchester Students’ Union Bye-Laws**

**Updated 20th May 2014**

**Background**

1. These Bye-laws are made pursuant to the Articles of Association of the Union
2. These Bye-laws cover the following:

[Referenda](#Referenda)

[Elections](#Elections)

[Activities](#Activities)

[Assemblies, Forums and Action Groups](#Assemblies)

[Executive Committee](#Executive)

[Media Charter & Media](#Media)

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**Definitions and Interpretation**

1. Except where inconsistent with the context, words and phrases used in these Bye-laws have the same meaning as ascribed to them in the Articles of Association of the Union.
2. The Articles of Association of the Union shall take precedence over these Bye-laws and these Bye-laws shall not be interpreted or applied in any way which is inconsistent with the Articles of Association of the Union.

**Amendments**

1. These Bye-laws may be altered, varied or amended by the Union Assembly, referenda or by the Trustees to ensure better representation of the student interest.

**Guidance Documents**

1. Rules and provisions made in Guidance Documents provided supplementary to these Bye-laws shall carry the same weight as rules contained within the Byelaws themselves. In the event of a conflict, the Byelaws take precedence.
2. Amendments to Guidance Documents shall remain the authority of the relevant body as detailed in the Bye-laws.