

Motion three: “Welfare and Diversity Officer” - Role Title Change

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Union Notes:

1. That one of Goldsmiths SU’s strategic objectives is to be the “leading SU for liberation”
2. In the most recent BME coffeeshour there was a consensus that the word “diversity” in the role title should be changed.
3. In 2012/2013, student assembly changed the name of “Campaigns Officer” to “Campaigns and Activities Officer” to more accurately reflect the reality of the role.
4. The changes this motion proposes are supported by the:

Part-time BME Officer

Part-time Women’s Officer

Pakistani society committee members

Palestine society committee members

Middle East and North Africa Society committee members

The Forum (an assembly and discussion group for people of colour when action arises)

Union Believes:

1. The meaning of the word “diversity” and “diverse” is very general and vague.
2. Diversity without structural inclusion and liberation is tokenistic.
3. The word ‘diversity’ doesn’t fully reflect the current work of the officer and speaks more to an institutional passive approach rather than a proactive and liberating one.

Union Resolves:

1. To change the title “Welfare and Diversity” officer to “Welfare and Liberation” officer in the 2018/2019 elections.
2. To amend bye-law 3.4 from ‘Welfare and Diversity Officer’ and replace with ‘Welfare and Liberation Officer’