Summary of Revision 1 by the Board to the Memorandum and Articles of Association of University of Central Lancashire Students’ Union

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The Memorandum and Articles of Association of the University of Central Lancashire Students’ Union, as revised on the 020/02/2024, will be referenced here as the ‘Revised Articles.’ This revision of the articles shall be referenced as the ‘R1 Articles’

In reference to an article in both versions of Articles, they shall be referenced as (Revised/R1), e.g., referencing Article 51.1.31 in the Revised Articles, which appears as Article 51.1.32 in the R1 Articles shall be written as Article (51.1.31/51.1.32).

1. Font size increased.
2. The spacing of subsections has been increased.
3. Updated in-text hyperlinks to SU colours.
4. Article (28.1.3/28.1.3) – Removed the phrase ‘first’ to clarify a vote of no confidence can occur before disciplinary procedures against an Elected Officer, but the removal of an Elected Officer can only occur after disciplinary procedures.
5. Article (X/11.2) – addition of subarticle explicitly stating that Trustees are Directors of the Union for the purposes of the Companies Act.
6. Article (23.2/23.2) – Add that Student Trustees must be Student Members at the time for their appointment.
7. Article (23.2/23.2) – Remove the requirement for them to remain a student member for their term, allowing them to remain past graduation to see out their term.
8. Article (25.1.6) – Remove to allow for Student Trustees to continue past their student membership to finish their term. The other subarticles here allow for their removal via other routes if necessary.
9. Article (46.1/46.1) – change the phrasing to specify ‘Minute Books’
10. Article (X/51.1.25) – addition of a definition for ‘Minute Books’
11. Article (51.3/51.3) – Changed phrasing to reflect more diverse language.
12. Article (51.1.40/51.1.41) and (51.1.41/51.1.42) – Add ‘(or any subsequent legal change of name thereof)’ to definitions of the University and the Union to allow for any changes in the name of either.
13. Article (6.5/6.5) – remove ‘arising’ as redundant.
14. Article (32.1/32.1) – remove ‘from time to time’.
15. Article (51.1.20/51.1.20) – add ‘full time’ to the definition.
16. Article (51.1.22/51.1.22) – Add ‘(Elected)’ to the definition to link the Education Act’s definition to ours.
17. Article (14.2.2/14.2.2) – Correct Sabbatical Officer to Elected Officer.
18. Article (X/37.6) – Addition of new article from guidance. ‘If the numbers of votes for and against a resolution at a Trustees’ Meeting are equal, the Chair of the Meeting has a casting vote in addition to any other vote the Chair may have unless, subject to Article 43, the Chair of the Meeting is not to be counted as participating in the decision-making process for quorum or voting purposes.’
19. Article (44.2/44.2) – Additional phrase to include ‘Policy of the Union’, which means that in all cases, the Articles are the highest level of governance.
20. Article (51.1.26/51.1.27) – Addition of definition moved to the byelaws.
21. Article (21.1/21.1) – Change the number of all trustee classifications to not be more than ‘four’
22. Article (9.2.5/9.2.5) and Article (9.3/9.3) – A Special Resolution capitalised to stay consistent with the definition from the Companies Act and to reflect the type of resolution necessary to amend articles.
23. Throughout the articles, references to ‘Written Resolutions’ are capitalised as they are also defined under the Companies Act.
24. Previous references to ‘resolutions’ and ‘motions’ have been standardised to refer only to ‘motions’, not to be confused with ‘Resolutions’ as defined under the Companies Act.
25. Article (51.1.31/51.1.32) – Redefined to match only the Companies Act.
26. Article (X/51.1.26) – Addition of motion definition.

As a final note, please as a board, review the definition of an ‘Academic Year’.