

2024 - Amendments

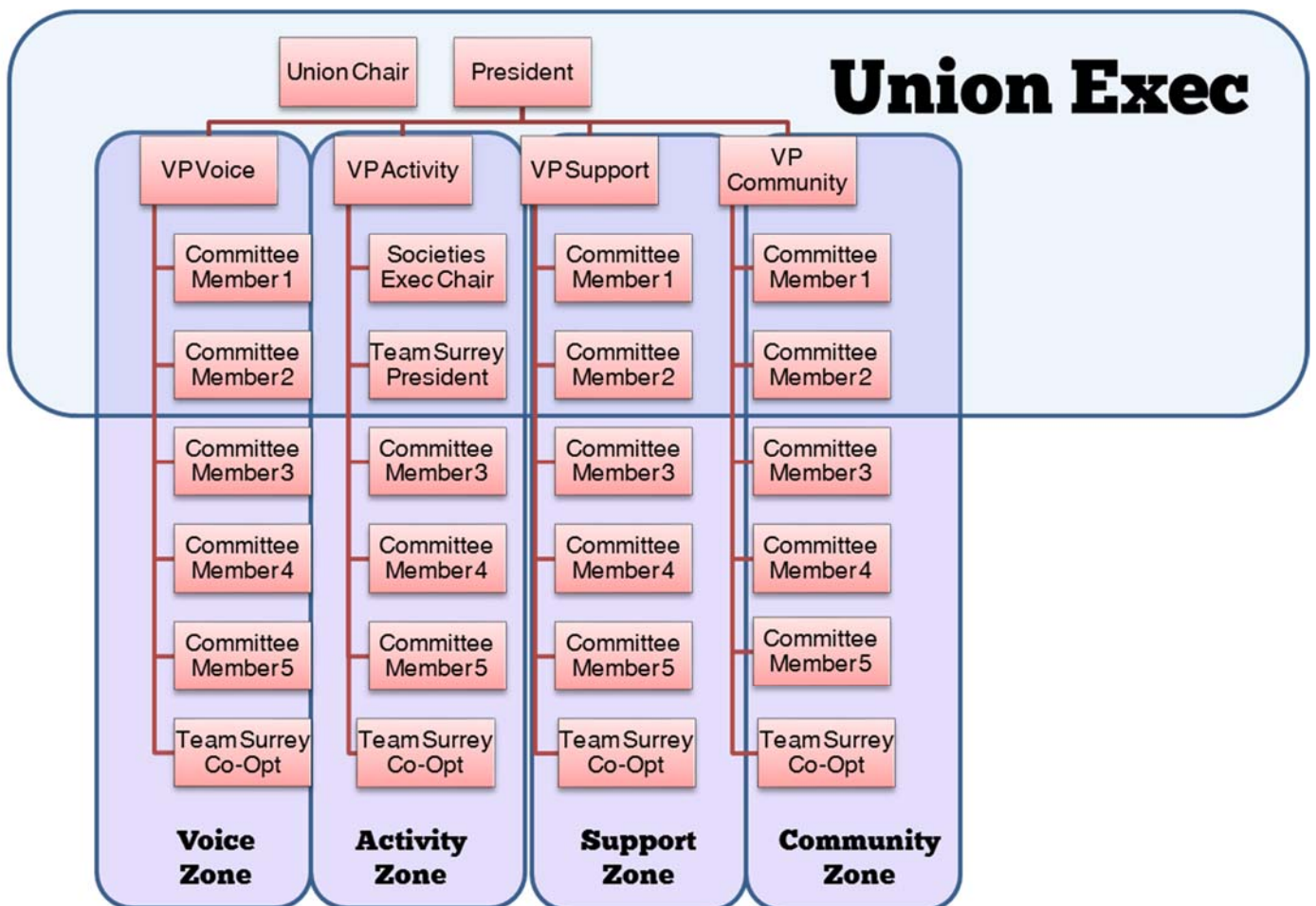
Introduction

Following feedback from all students on the original proposal, there are three main themes arising:

1. Sport – concern regarding a loss of representation across the union and at a higher level within the university, alongside not having a figurehead specifically for sport
2. Accountability, what control do the electorate have over the zone committees
3. Responsibilities, who will do what within these zones if the positions are non-portfolio

Sports

Following specific feedback from sports members, along with a Q&A session that many sports members/committee members attended; an option for an amendment has been developed as follows.





Team Surrey President

This position is formerly known as 'Sports Exec Chair' with the following differences:

- The Team Surrey President will sit alongside the VP Activity as a representative position on the Team Surrey board – ensuring that a dedicated individual passionate about sport is in attendance alongside the full time sabbatical officer. This will increase the number of representatives on the Team Surrey board from 1 (currently) to 2¹.
- The election for the Team Surrey President will be cross campus – recognising that sport is an integral part of the Students' Union. Therefore the Team Surrey President will also become a member of the Union Executive and be listed as 'in attendance' at the Union Board of Trustees.
- The Team Surrey President will receive an annual allowance to assist a full-time student to carry out the role. The Team Surrey President will be accountable and responsible for the assistance of club progression through the Team Surrey Student Executive.

Team Surrey Student Exec

Sports Executive committee will be remodelled as the 'Team Surrey Student Executive'.

- The Team Surrey Exec will be the student representative group for Team Surrey issues, including University objectives (e.g. BUCS position). The Team Surrey Exec will be elected at Sports Standing (in May) by club committees as is currently the case with Sports Exec.
- This group will continue to be part of Team Surrey Operational and Team Surrey Exec meetings, working with SSP operational staff at both. All members of the Team Surrey Exec will be ensured to have a greater presence and working relationship within both the Union and SSP operational staff.
- Team Surrey Exec will be asked to provide four co-opted members from within the committee to sit on each of the union zones, in order to ensure sports representation across the board and to fulfil specific sports responsibilities – reporting back into the Team Surrey President.

¹ Pending agreement and ratification from the Team Surrey Board



VP Activity

Sporting Activity:

This officer works with the Team Surrey President to ensure that they are supported to represent students on the Team Surrey board. This will ensure that the relevant representational issues are raised with the Team Surrey President through the Activity Zone and Union Executive. The VP Activity will also be on board to support the Team Surrey President surrounding representation through meetings with senior Sports Park and University management, ensuring that the interests of students who take part in sport are always at the heart of decision-making processes.

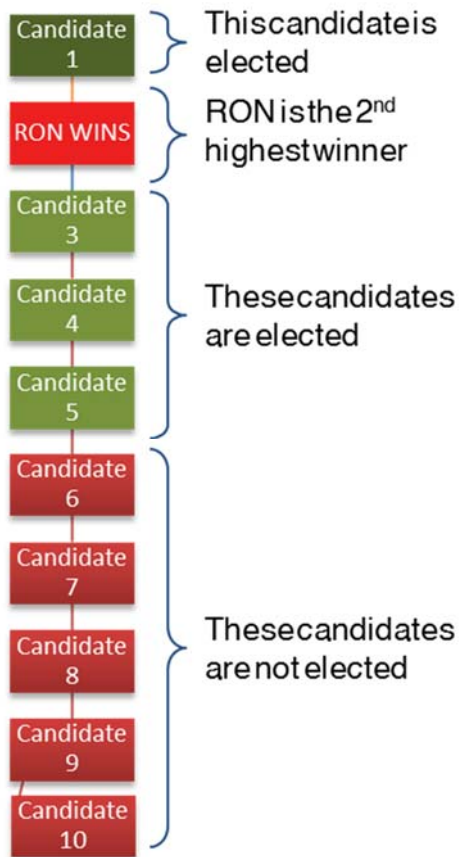
Accessibility of Sport:

Working with the Team Surrey President and Team Surrey Student Executive, the VP Activity will ensure the prominence of these new roles and will ensure that sport remains accessible, while maintaining the Team Surrey performance focus. The Team Surrey Exec will be encouraged to utilise a space on each of the zones – and report back to the Team Surrey President, who then reports into the VP Activity and Team Surrey operational group.

Accountability

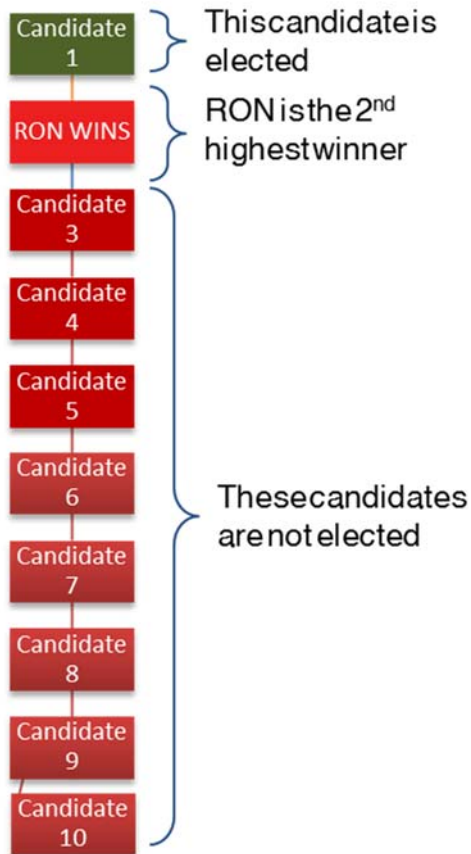
The issue of poor performance, and how to elect individuals onto the zone with a STV election has been raised in feedback.

The absolute correct method for RON within multiple winner STV elections is as follows



In this case, 10 candidates stood for 5 places, and RON came 2nd highest. The next 3 candidates are elected and a bye election is held for the 2nd place (and Exec place) on the committee.

However, we may adopt our own interpretation as follows



In this model, every candidate below RON loses and there is a bye election for the 3 unfilled spaces. With this modification, then the electorate can be reassured that they have the power to reject all or some of the candidates for each zone.

Responsibilities

Each zone allows for individual students to stand on a platform of their own passions, and so the zones, and the Union executive will be truly representative of student opinion. Feedback has expressed, however that this can mean if a zone is responsible for a range of issues, there is a risk that some or more responsibilities are not picked up by members of the zone.

To solve this issue, each zone definition will include a number of responsible areas that the zone have to fulfil or be answerable for. These responsibilities will be distributed between the zone members after the election by the VP leading the zone. There will also be the potential for 'reshuffles' throughout the year re allocating the responsibilities within the zone. Sport specific responsibilities in each zone will be allocated to the Team Surrey Exec co-opted member, and Team Surrey Exec will be asked to provide a member for each zone to hold these responsibilities