

## **BYE LAWS N**

### **FREEDOM OF SPEECH**

1. CUSU has a duty to ensure that all members, formally recognised societies and groups of members have the right to the freedom of speech within CUSU as far as reasonable within the law and they shall not be denied any facilities or entitlement on the grounds of their beliefs
2. CUSU recognises the University's Principles and Code of Practice to ensure the freedom of speech within the law
3. The Executive, after conducting an inquiry, shall deny the use of its premises, facilities, entitlements and services to any member or group of members if it considers that such use is contrary to criminal law, make CUSU or the University liable to penalties under civil law or where there may be circumstances outlined in paragraph 6 below
4. The CUSU Board of Trustees shall be informed in writing of the Executive decision to deny the right to CUSU premises, facilities, entitlements and services to any member or group of members.
5. Where the use of University premises or services are denied to a member or society or group of members by CUSU then the Executive shall inform University of the grounds for its decision.
6. The Executive may deny the use of its facilities and services where there may be the following circumstances:
  - (a) a speaker or person involved in a meeting, event or activity will incite others to commit a criminal act(s);
  - (b) views may be expressed that are contrary to criminal law;
  - (c) the event or activity may appear to be in direct support of an organisation which is itself unlawful;
  - (d) the event or activity may be conducted in such a way as to render CUSU or the University liable for damages, creating a nuisance or prosecution for failing to carry out its duties for health and safety;
  - (e) there is a reasonable belief that the event or activity will lead to injury or damage to property and it is not reasonable to allow the event to proceed;
  - (f) the event or activity may lead to a breach of the peace;
  - (g) the member or groups of members have deliberately misled or sought to deceive CUSU as to the nature of the event and those involved in it.