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Council Reps on Placement

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Union Notes:

- 1) That Union Councillors are struck off if they miss two meetings in a semester
- 2) That some students have a semester/year on placement as part of their course
- 3) That the Union traditionally struggles to recruit Council reps from the Faculty of Medicine and Health, who generally have more placement work than students other faculties
- 4) That councillors on placement can be unavailable to attend Council

Union Believes:

- 1) That Council reps should not be penalised for carrying out part of their course
- 2) That the number of reps in general, and FMH reps in particular, may be higher if they are not removed from council for missing two meetings whilst they are on placement
- 3) Reps who undertake placement work during their course represent different interests and attitudes than those who do not, so form an integral part of council which it is important not to jeopardise.
- 4) That, in making this change, it must not be made a difficult process for students to prove they were on placement

Union Resolves:

- 1) To ask that the Chair show discretion in allowing students who have missed more than 2 meetings due to placement be allowed back on council without needing to request being readmitted.
- 2) That students will be able to self-certify that they have been on academic placement.