

The Council

Monday 15 June 2015

7:00pm

Title	AOB: Election of Retiring Sabbatical Officers to Honorary Life Membership
Author	Secretary to Council
Purpose	For consideration and approval
URC	15061514

Policy Extract

The Colours Policy (a regulation) was last agreed in May 2014, and the relevant extract pertaining to the appointment of retiring Sabbatical Officer to Honorary Life Membership is as follows:

Sabbaticals and Honorary Life Memberships

- 1. The Council shall, after awarding Colours and any other awards, consider and vote separately on conferring Honorary Life Membership upon each holder of sabbatical office in the Union that year. Only those who served as a Sabbatical Officer during the year, who are not re-elected to sabbatical office the following year, shall be on the ballot.*
- 2. The ballot shall be a secret ballot (at the final ordinary meeting of the full Council of the academic year), with the option for voting members of the Council (including proxy voters) to indicate whether the vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" each eligible sabbatical officer being elected to Honorary Life Membership of the Union.*
- 3. To be elected to Honorary Life Member, an eligible sabbatical officer must receive more "FOR" votes than "AGAINST" votes.*

Decision Required:

Each and every Council member present and those represented by a definite proxy (i.e. not just to the chair), will be issued with a Ballot Paper as follows:

Sabbatical Officer	Voting FOR (X)	Voting AGAINST (X)	ABSTAIN / No Vote
Angela Bennett			
Zheng Chai			
John Lindner			
Linda Paul			
Luc Sei			
Reubs Walsh			

Confidentiality:

Under the Policy, the vote is conducted by a Secret Ballot, however the Policy and the Council standing orders are silent on whether there should be a discussion or even a debate prior to the vote. The convention is that there is NO debate, mainly because the officers will have been attending meetings during the year and over the year the Council members can form a general view about whether to support or oppose an officer's election to Honorary Life Membership.

If, however, the chair or the Council sees fit that there should be a discussion, the officer concerned should be asked to leave the room.

Point of Note: Should an officer listed on the Ballot not wish to be included, they of course have the right to withdraw from the vote.

Point of Note: the count is conducted by the Secretary to Council and overseen by a nominee of the chair. The results are simply read out of who has been elected to Honorary Life Membership, and this is reflected in the Minutes. No vote tally is recorded and the ballot papers are destroyed following the announcement of the result.