

# OUA CONFERENCE 2010

Final Motions

Order Paper

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**Societies Standing Committee Chair**  
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**Executive Committee**  
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# Welcome to your Conference Documentation for OUSA Conference 2010.

*Steering Committee organises Conference business. It does not deal with the administrative and social aspects of Conference or the conduct of elections. It is responsible for the preparation of this document, which is called Conference Document 1 (or CD1 for short) and which lists all the motions which have been proposed by different units of the Association. However, there is much more than just the text of the motions in the document.*

***This white introductory section is designed to give you all the information you need to understand what is happening at Conference. While you will probably want to refer to it several times when you are there, please take the time to read it through before you get to Conference.***

*If you need any advice on any matter relating to the business of Conference, please do not hesitate to contact one of the members of Steering Committee who will do their best to assist you. We will have a clearly signed desk at registration and, whilst Conference is in session, we can be found at the Steering Committee table at the front of the hall. We can also be identified by our distinctive badges (see below). Please note your queries about conference business should be raised with Steering Committee and not staff recording the minutes. If you are interested in knowing more about Steering Committee please visit our display outside the hall.*

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STEERING COMMITTEE  
2010**



***Sandy Gibson***  
**Chair of Steering Committee**

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## **THE ORDER PAPER CD1 – an explanation**

- This Order Paper lists all the motions and amendments to be put before Conference. It also contains details of the order in which Steering Committee recommends that they be dealt with, the time limits for speeches and the proposed timetable for other business items.
- Unless otherwise stated, the effective date of implementation of motions to change the Constitution, if carried, will be immediately following the 2010 OUSA Conference.
- Some motions may have an aim written before the text of the motion. This is only for information and does not form part of the motion.
- The first item of business at the start of Conference is for the Order Paper to be formally moved. Once it has been adopted, a two-thirds majority vote is required to make any changes to it.
- Occasionally errors get through to the final documents. If Conference approves a motion containing errors, they form part of OUSA policy. Errors may be removed by the mover of the motion moving a drafting amendment, but Steering Committee should be advised of such amendments beforehand.
- The proposed order of debate of motions and amendments is given in the outline timetable, but please be aware that this is not a rigid schedule but a guideline, and may be subject to change.

### **Steering Committee Notes**

Some of the motions have a Steering Committee Note after them:-

- those notes included in CD5/6 which were simply stating that the motion had been subject to a drafting amendment have now been removed to reduce clutter
- some notes may state that a motion is automatically carried, or will automatically fall, as a consequence of a previous motion being carried or not carried.
- other notes may state that a motion incorporates an amendment by a sponsoring unit. Since it is an automatic part of Conference procedure

to invite any sponsoring unit to accept or reject amendments at the start of the debate (unless amendments fall within Linked Motions) we have made the assumption that no sponsoring unit will reject its own amendment. Therefore, to simplify matters for all delegates, the motion has been shown on the order paper with the amendment incorporated, unless there were further amendments.

- we have continued the practice of laying out motions in a way that largely follows the order of the Register of Decisions, including giving the titles of policy sections to make it easy for delegates to look up possibly related policy.

### **Grouped Motions**

- The purpose of grouped motions is to ensure that Conference time is used effectively. The Standing Orders of the Constitution therefore require Steering Committee to identify motions to be included in two different types of Group.
- Firstly are those motions to be put into Groups because they have been deemed by Steering Committee to be non-controversial and worthy of support without the need for debate. Group I and Group II respectively represent the Constitutional Motions and Policy Motions of this kind. This year there are no Group I motions. A vote will be taken on Group II motions which will be proposed *en bloc*.
- Secondly are those motions to be put into a Group because they are related to administrative matters, organisation and procedures which can be more appropriately dealt with by the Executive Committee considering them in detail. These motions are put to Conference *en bloc* as Group III with the recommendation that they be referred to the Executive Committee for such consideration.
- You may disagree with the Steering Committee, and want one (or more) of these motions debated. In that case you must get the support of 10 delegates, indicated by their signatures, clearly printed names and Personal Identification numbers, and hand this to Steering Committee before 9 am on Saturday morning. A form will be available from Steering Committee for this purpose at Registration.

## **Linked Motions**

- Sometimes several motions and amendments deal with the same subject or one closely related. In these circumstances motions have been organised into linked debates. The primary purpose is to conserve Conference time by avoiding the need for delegates to come to the rostrum to make similar points in separate debates. It also gives units with a dependent motion the opportunity for their motion to be discussed, rather than it falling without being debated, as an automatic consequence of a decision on a previous motion.
- The proposer of each motion and amendment will speak at the start of the debate which will then be opened to all others wishing to speak on any of the subject matter encompassed within the motions and amendments that form the link. Please note that in a linked debate the mover of a motion is not given the option to accept an amendment.
- At the end of the debate the relevant proposers will be given the opportunity to sum up and then a vote will be taken on each amendment and motion in turn.

## **Disqualified Motions**

Motions which have not been properly submitted in accordance with the Standing Orders have to be disqualified. Such motions do not normally appear on either the preliminary or final order papers. This year however, a motion included in the preliminary order paper as 63M(PO) was subsequently disqualified and therefore does not appear on the final order paper.

## **Emergency Motions**

Units may wish to propose an emergency motion. The requirements for an emergency motion to be considered can be found in Standing Order 1.12. To submit an emergency motion you must hand it in to Steering Committee before 9.30 am on Saturday, signed by any two of:- the unit's officers, the unit's delegate(s), the Executive Committee Member for the Nation or Region concerned.

## **ANNUAL REPORTS – CD3**

- Together with this document you will have received CD3, which comprises the Annual Reports of all those elected to Office at the previous meeting of Conference, together with others designated as having a responsibility to make such a report.
- Time will be allocated within the Conference programme for these reports to be formally presented to Conference. All attenders will have received with their Conference documents a form inviting them to submit written questions on these reports, and any which have been received will be responded to at this time.

## **GROUPED MOTIONS**

As provided in Standing Order 1.7.1 Steering Committee considers the following motions to be non-controversial and therefore proposes that they be put to Conference in groups, to be voted on without debate. Objections to the inclusion of a motion within a group may be made as detailed on page vii.

### **Group I**

#### **Motions to Change the Constitution and related Policy Motions**

None

### **Group II**

#### **Policy Motions Proposed for Support**

##### **Section 2 – Motions relating to OUSA**

57M(PO)

##### **Section 3 – Motions relating to the Open University**

64M(PO)

As provided by Standing Order 1.7.2 Steering Committee considers the following motions relate to administrative matters, arrangements and procedures and therefore proposes that they be put to Conference in a group, to be voted on without debate, to be referred to the Executive Committee.

### **Group III**

#### **Policy Motions for Reference to the Executive Committee**

##### **Section 2 – Motions relating to OUSA**

60M(PO)

##### **Section 3 – Motions relating to the Open University**

65M(PO)

66M(PO)

67M(PO)

## **LINKED MOTIONS**

As provided in Standing Order 1.6.5 Steering Committee considers the following motions to be appropriate for inclusion in linked debates:-

### **Motions to Change the Constitution and related Policy Motions**

#### **Section 1**

16M(PO) to 22M(PO)  
23M(PO) to 27M(PO)  
28M(PO) to 31M(PO)  
32M(PO) to 33M(PO)  
35M(PO) to 40M(PO)  
41M(PO) to 47M(PO)  
50M(PO) to 51M(PO)

#### **Policy Motions**

##### **Section 2 – Motions relating to OUSA**

None

##### **Section 3 – Motions relating to the Open University**

68M(PO) to 69M(PO)  
71M(PO) to 76M(PO)  
77M(PO) to 79M(PO)  
81M(PO) to 82M(PO)

**OUTLINE TIMETABLE OF CONFERENCE BUSINESS  
SATURDAY SESSION 1 09.00 – 12.15**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Page/CD No</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>09.00</b>	President's Opening Remarks Collection of Ballot Papers Adoption of Order Paper Steering Committee Business Adoption of 2009 Conference Minutes Matters Arising Notification of Results of Elections for Executive Committee Members Conducted by Postal Ballots Announcement of nominations for Branch Officers on Steering Committee 2011	CD1  Previously published  CD7	
	Grouped Policy Motions – Group II	CD1 pvii	
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	Policy Motions relating to OUSA (Section 2)	CD1 p26	Block A 57 - 62
	Reports: Vice President Constitutions Vice President Equal Opportunities OU Council Member	CD3 p17 CD3 p29 CD3 p51	
<b>10.00</b>	Fraternal Greetings from the Associate Lecturers Committee – Paddy Alton, Vice Chair		
	Motions to change the Constitution (Section 1)	CD1 p2	Block B 1 - 9
	Award of Honorary Life Membership Award of Honorary Vice Presidency		
	President's Business: The OUSA Futures Project	Separate Report	
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<b>11.10</b>	John Zarnecki, OU Professor of Space Science: Moments in Space and Time		
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<b>12.15</b>	Session 1 Ends		

**SATURDAY SESSION 2 14.30 – 18.00**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Page/CD No</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>14.45</b>	Collection of Ballot Papers – Steering Committee 2011		
	Announcement of Officer Election Results		
	Policy Motions Related to the Constitution (Section 1)	CD1 p4	Block D 15 - 31
<b>16.00</b>	Captain Lawrence Richards: What deadlines? Confessions of an OU student		
	Policy Motions Related to the Constitution (Section 1)	CD1 p11	Block E 32 - 40
	Award of Honorary Life Membership		
	Policy Motions Related to the Constitution (Section 1)	CD1 p14	Block F 41 - 48
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<b>17.45</b>	Session 2 Ends		

**SUNDAY SESSION 3 09.00 – 13.00**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Page/CD No</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>09.00</b>	Announcement of other election results		
	Policy Motions relating to The Open University (Section 3)	CD1 p30	Block G 64 - 76
	Reports: President VP Finance Chair Societies Standing Committee	CD3 p3 CD3 p37 CD3 p67	
	Emergency Motions		
	Motions Relating to Policy Affirmations and Deletions (Section 5)	CD1 p42	Block H 85 - 87
	Award of Honorary Life Membership		
<b>10.00</b>	Policy Motions relating to The Open University (Section 3)	CD1 p35	Block I 77 - 84
	Fraternal Greetings from the NUS:		
	Reports: Deputy President Chair, OUSET General Manager	CD3 p9 CD3 p63 CD3 p59	
	Award of Honorary Life Membership		
<b>11.00</b>	Andrew Law: OU Director of Multi-Platform Broadcasting		
	Policy Motions Related to the Constitution (Section 1)	CD1 p21	Block J 49 - 56
	Any Outstanding Business		
	President's Closing Remarks		
<b>12.30</b>	Conference Stands Adjourned		

## CONFERENCE PROCEDURE

For the full procedure, please refer to Standing Order 1 of the Constitution.

What follows is a simplified, practical reference, aimed particularly at helping newer delegates and observers to follow and participate in the debates.

### 1) Motion without amendments

- (a) The Chair invites the unit which submitted the motion to move it (i.e. to propose it).
- (b) The Chair invites others to speak, trying to ensure a balanced debate.
- (c) At the end of the debate the mover has the right of reply, to sum up the arguments for the debate. No new material may be introduced during a summing-up.
- (d) Vote.

### 2) Motion with amendment

- (a) The mover of the motion is asked if they accept the amendment.
- (b) If the mover accepts the amendment(s), the amended motion becomes the substantive motion which is debated as in 1(a) - 1(c) above.
- (c) If the mover does not accept the amendment, the mover of the amendment is called to speak.
- (d) The Chair invites others to speak, trying to ensure a balanced debate.
- (e) After the amendment has been debated, the mover of the amendment has the right of reply.
- (f) There is a vote on the amendment.
- (g) If the amendment is carried, the amended motion becomes the substantive motion (i.e. the motion which has been amended) which is proposed by the unit which submitted the amendment and debated and voted on as in 1(b) - 1(d) above.
- (h) This explains the general principles: if there is more than one amendment the Chair will explain the exact procedures.

### 3) Linked debates

- (a) All motions and amendments are moved in turn.
- (b) There is a general debate, with speakers for and against anything in any motion or amendment.
- (c) All movers of motions have a right of reply, taken in the same order in which motions were moved.
- (d) Vote in the order in which motions were moved, with amendments taken before the motions they seek to amend.

### 4) Voting

- (a) In order to vote, you should raise your delegate card. If the delegate is absent from the hall, they may leave their delegate card with an observer from the same unit who may cast a vote on their behalf.
- (b) While a vote is taking place, no-one other than a member of OUSA staff or a member of Steering Committee is permitted to enter the hall.
- (c) For most motions to be carried, a simple majority is sufficient. However, amendments to the Constitution, procedural motions and recommendations of Steering Committee require a two-thirds majority.

Constitutional amendments also require that the number of votes in favour of the motion is not less than 50% of the total delegates registered at Conference.

- (d) The result of a vote will normally be declared on a visual inspection, unless a count is called for by the Chair, or other delegates. In this case you will be asked to keep your cards raised while tellers pass along the aisles to conduct the count.
- (e) If the result of the count is close, a recount may be called for. May we remind delegates of the Association policy, that this is a recount and not a re-run of the original vote, and as such delegates should vote as they did the first time.

## 5) Procedural motions

- (a) These are designed to help Conference proceed efficiently with its business. A procedural motion may be proposed by standing, calling "Procedural Motion", and when acknowledged by the Chair, proposing the particular motion.
- (b) Procedural motions may not be proposed during a point of order or point of information, or during the taking of a vote. At any other time they will take precedence over all other business.
- (c) All procedural motions must be formally seconded.
- (d) If the following procedural motions are put only one speech for and one speech against shall be allowed:
  - (i) a vote of no confidence in the Chair;
  - (ii) a challenge to the Chair's ruling;
  - (iii) a motion for a temporary Chair;
  - (iv) a motion for a temporary adjournment of the meeting;
  - (v) that the matter lie on the table;
  - (vi) that the matter be referred to the appropriate Standing Committee, Sub-Committee or Working Party for investigation or re-examination;
  - (vii) that Standing Orders be suspended in whole or in part.

Should one of the above motions be proposed, Steering Committee will ensure that delegates are given an explanation as to the consequences before they are required to vote.

- (e) If the following procedural motions are put, only the mover of that procedural motion shall be entitled to speak to it, and the mover of the motion being debated at the time may exercise the right of reply before a vote is taken:
  - (i) that the motion be voted on in parts [i.e. that it be divided into more than one motion so that parts may be voted on separately];
  - (ii) that the motion be not put [i.e. that Conference is being asked to make a conscious decision not to decide for or against the motion];
  - (iii) that the motion be now put [i.e. that a vote is taken immediately with no further debate];
  - (iv) that the meeting move to the next business [i.e. that Conference is being asked to spend no further time at all on this motion, not even for a vote].

No delegate who has already spoken on the motion or amendment in question may propose the procedural motions in (e)(iii) or (e)(iv) above.

- (f) The procedural motion that the meeting be closed shall be put to the meeting without discussion [and if carried brings a complete end to this meeting of Conference].

6) Point of Order

This is a question addressed to the Chair concerning the conduct of business and is raised by standing, calling "Point of Order" and, when acknowledged by the Chair, asking "Is it in order that...?" Such an enquiry takes precedence over all other business except voting (unless the question concerns the actual procedure of the voting taking place). It must not refer to the subject matter under debate, and must contain no argument.

7) Point of Information

Any delegate may offer to give, or may ask for, information concerning the business item currently being discussed. This is done by standing, 'catching the Chair's eye', and saying "Point of Information". The person holding the floor (at the microphone) at that moment need not give way – they may wish to continue to speak; but if they do allow the point of information to be taken then the time taken to hear it is not counted as part of the time allowed for the speech.

8) Suspension of Standing Orders

Any suspension of Standing Orders shall apply for the duration of the matter under discussion only.

## **GUIDE TO THE NUMBERING OF MOTIONS**

The number of each motion is followed by a letter code, indicating the type of motion, using the following key:

M(CA) - Motion to Change the Constitution  
C(CA) – Composite Motion to change the Constitution  
M(PO) - Policy Motion  
C(PO) - Composite Policy Motion  
EM(PO) - Emergency Policy Motion

Amendments are denoted by the letter A and composited amendments by the letters CA, without brackets, and a number following the code.

These are examples of how the key is used:-

3M(CA) = Motion to Change the Constitution  
3M(CA)A1 = Motion to Change the Constitution with Amendment 1  
73M(PO) = Policy Motion  
73M(PO)A1 = Policy Motion with Amendment 1  
73M(PO)A2 = Policy Motion with Amendment 2

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21M(PO)	Executive Committee	1		L
22M(PO)	Executive Committee	1		L
22M(PO)A1	Executive Committee	1		L
23M(PO)	Executive Committee	1		L
24M(PO)	Executive Committee	1		L
25M(PO)	Executive Committee	1		L
26M(PO)	Executive Committee	1		L
27M(PO)	Executive Committee	1		L
28M(PO)	Executive Committee	1		L
29M(PO)	Executive Committee	1		L
30M(PO)	Executive Committee	1		L
30M(PO)A1	Executive Committee	1		L
31M(PO)	Executive Committee	1		L
32M(PO)	Executive Committee	1		L
33M(PO)	Executive Committee	1		L
34M(PO)	Executive Committee	1		L
35M(PO)	Executive Committee	1		L
36M(PO)	Executive Committee	1		L
37M(PO)	Executive Committee	1		L
38M(PO)	Executive Committee	1		L

39M(PO)	Executive Committee	1	L
40M(PO)	Executive Committee	1	L
40M(PO)A2	Executive Committee	1	L
41M(PO)	Executive Committee	1	L
42M(PO)	Executive Committee	1	L
43M(PO)	Executive Committee	1	L
44M(PO)	Executive Committee	1	L
44M(PO)A1	Executive Committee	1	L
45M(PO)	Executive Committee	1	L
46M(PO)	Executive Committee	1	L
47M(PO)	Executive Committee	1	L
48M(PO)	Executive Committee	1	
49M(PO)	Executive Committee	1	
50M(PO)	Executive Committee	1	L
50M(PO)CA1	Executive Committee	1	L
52M(PO)	Executive Committee	1	
53M(PO)	Executive Committee	1	
54M(PO)	Executive Committee	1	
55M(PO)	Executive Committee	1	
57M(PO)	Executive Committee	2	G
70M(PO)	Executive Committee	3	
73M(PO)A1	Executive Committee	3	L
75M(PO)A1	Executive Committee	3	L
85M(PO)A1	Executive Committee	5	
87M(PO)	Executive Committee	5	
2M(CA)A1	North West	7	
40M(PO)A4	North West	1	L
61M(PO)	North West	2	
70M(PO)A1	North West	3	
87M(PO)A2	North West	7	
77M(PO)	Northern Europe	3	L
78M(PO)	Northern Europe	3	L
79M(PO)	Northern Europe	3	L
64M(PO)	Oxford Abingdon Witney Branch	3	G
83M(PO)	Oxford Abingdon Witney Branch	3	
40M(PO)A1	Republic of Ireland	1	L
10M(CA)	Societies Standing Committee	1	
11M(CA)1	Societies Standing Committee	1	
12M(CA)	Societies Standing Committee	7	
12M(CA)1	Societies Standing Committee	7	
71M(PO)	Societies Standing Committee	3	L
72M(PO)	Societies Standing Committee	3	L
73M(PO)	Societies Standing Committee	3	L
74M(PO)	Societies Standing Committee	3	L
75M(PO)	Societies Standing Committee	3	L
76M(PO)	Societies Standing Committee	3	L
85M(PO)	Societies Standing Committee	5	
3M(CA)	Somerset Branch	1	
6M(CA)A1	Somerset Branch	1	
7M(CA)	Somerset Branch	7	
9M(CA)	Somerset Branch	7	
63M(PO)	South		DISQUALIFIED
60M(PO)	Stockport and Cheadle Branch	2	G
82M(PO)A1	Yorkshire	3	L

## **IMPORTANT POINTS TO REMEMBER**

### **Beware of Changes to the Time Table**

- Please note that times other than those for the commencement of Conference sessions are approximate. The timetable may have to be adjusted to take account of various eventualities during Conference. Those intending to participate in debates must not rely on this as an absolute guide as to when that business will be called.
- Motions which have not been debated through lack of time will be taken under Any Outstanding Business towards the end of the Sunday session.

### **Those Wishing to Speak**

- Those wishing to speak may only do so when invited by the Chair. Marked seats near the front of the hall are reserved for those who wish to catch the Chair's eye.
- All delegates and observers who are full members of OUSA have the right to speak to any motion. Visitors may only speak with the permission of Conference.
- All speakers must address Conference through a microphone. If you are moving a motion or amendment, or you know that you want to speak in a certain debate, please come to the front of the hall in good time so you are ready.
- If you have a difficulty in getting to the rostrum and wish to speak from your seat, please raise your hand with the card provided to indicate that you would like a roving microphone to be brought to you if called to speak.
- No person shall speak more than once in any debate except where they have a right of reply. This does not preclude anyone from raising Points of Information or Points of Order.
- When you start to speak, the first thing you should do is state your name and the unit for which you are a delegate or observer, and the unit you are speaking on behalf of if this is different.
- After you have spoken, if you do not intend to speak again for some time, please return to your normal seat in order to keep the marked seats clear for others.

### **Time Allowed for Speakers**

- A speaker moving a motion or amendment shall be allowed to speak for a maximum of three minutes. All other speakers in a debate shall have a maximum of two minutes.
- The clock starts from the moment the Chair calls on you to speak. If you are at the back of the hall at that time you may lose a good part of your allotted speaking time.
- Keep an eye on the lights. When the yellow light comes on this is a warning that you have only thirty seconds left to speak. When the red light comes on you must stop.

### **If Your Unit Wants to Withdraw a Motion**

- If for some reason a unit no longer wishes to present a motion which it has on the Order Paper, Conference may be asked for permission for it to be withdrawn. To do this, after coming to the rostrum and giving your name and unit, simply say that you are asking on behalf of the unit concerned for permission to withdraw the motion.

N.B. THIS INFORMATION IS REPEATED ON THE INSIDE BACK COVER OF CD1 FOR READY REFERENCE.



**SECTION 1**  
**MOTIONS TO CHANGE THE CONSTITUTION**  
**AND RELATED POLICY MOTIONS**

N.B. These blocks relate to the Outline Timetable and are intended to help Conference follow the sequence of debate. However, delegates must not rely on this guidance as a substitute for following the business in the Conference Hall, since motions which they intend to move could be taken later or earlier than indicated in this guidance.

<b>Block B</b>	<b>Motions 1 - 9</b>	<b>Saturday Morning</b>
<b>Block C</b>	<b>Motions 10 - 14</b>	<b>Saturday Morning</b>
<b>Block D</b>	<b>Motions 15 - 31</b>	<b>Saturday Afternoon</b>
<b>Block E</b>	<b>Motions 32 – 40</b>	<b>Saturday Afternoon</b>
<b>Block F</b>	<b>Motions 41 – 48</b>	<b>Saturday Afternoon</b>
<b>Block J</b>	<b>Motions 49 – 56</b>	<b>Sunday Morning</b>

Motions 16M(PO) to 22M(PO); 23M(PO) to 27M(PO); 28M(PO) to 31M(PO); 32M(PO) to 33M(PO); 35M(PO) to 40M(PO); 41M(PO) to 47M(PO) and 50M(PO) to 51M(PO) are LINKED.

## SECTION 1

### MOTIONS TO CHANGE THE CONSTITUTION AND RELATED POLICY MOTIONS

<b>1M(CA) Executive Committee</b>	Motion	<b>references to Region</b>  Wherever the terms 'Region(s)' or 'Regional' are used to include reference to the UK Nations the terminology should be changed to reflect the status of those Nations.
<b>2M(CA) Executive Committee</b>	Motion	In section 5.3.2.3, delete 'in the FirstClass branch conference(s)' and replace with 'in the branch conference(s) on FirstClass or other University-provided system'.  In section 6.6.5, after 'FirstClass' insert '(or other University-provided)'.  <b>STEERING COMMITTEE NOTE: This amendment has been subject to a drafting amendment.</b>
<b>2M(CA)A2 OUSA in the East Midlands</b>	Amendment	Delete "conference(s)" and replace with "forum(s)".  <b>STEERING COMMITTEE NOTE: This amendment has been subject to a drafting amendment.</b>
<b>3M(CA) Somerset Branch</b>	Motion	In section 5.3.2.5 delete 'Voting shall be by a show of hands unless a secret ballot is required by 25% or more of the members present;'
<b>4M(CA) Executive Committee</b>	Motion	<b>5.3 meetings</b>  Add new paragraph 5.3.2.11:  Whenever a face to face meeting is held, there must also be an option for members to have full participation in the same business as that meeting by online access.
<b>5M(CA) Executive Committee</b>	Motion	<b>6.2 membership</b>  at 6.2.2 delete the phrase "(subject to Executive Committee approval)"
<b>6M(CA)A1 Somerset Branch</b>	Motion	Delete first sentence of section 6.2.10 and replace with:  Any OUSA member resident in the Region may attend the online element of any meeting of the Regional Forum as a visitor without giving notice, provided they already have appropriate

read or read/write permissions to the relevant online forum. Any OUSA member resident in the Region may attend the face to face element of any meeting of the Regional Forum as a visitor provided that the member has given not less than one week's notice to the Regional Forum secretary.

**STEERING COMMITTEE NOTE: The originating unit has submitted an amendment to this motion which has remedied the original defects. This amendment has been incorporated into the original motion and Steering Committee has therefore restored the motion to the Order Paper.**

**8M(CA)  
Executive  
Committee**

Motion

**6.6 meetings**

insert as new paragraph 6.6.3:

Whenever a face to face meeting is held, there must also be an option for members to have full participation in the same business as that meeting by online access.

Re-number existing 6.6.3 and subsequent paragraphs accordingly

**10M(CA)  
Societies  
Standing  
Committee**

Motion

In Section 8. Societies.

8.3.5 Representation of the Society within the Association.

Add "or past" after "who are full".

**11M(CA)A1  
Societies  
Standing  
Committee**

Motion

In Section 10.3.3.2. add after the first sentence ending, "absolute discretion".

Any elected Society's representative to OUSA, attending meetings of the Societies Standing Committee, shall be entitled to one vote on behalf of their society at all such meetings of the Societies Standing Committee.

**STEERING COMMITTEE NOTE: The originating unit has submitted an amendment to this motion which has remedied the original defects. This amendment has been incorporated into the original motion and Steering Committee has**

**therefore restored the motion to the Order Paper.**

<b>13M(CA) OUSA in the East of England</b>	Motion	Delete “two thirds” from clause 13.1.2 and replace with “simple”.
<b>14C(CA) Executive Committee OUSA in the East of England</b>	Motion	<p>Section 15.1 replace this paragraph with the following:-</p> <p>“The Executive Committee shall have the power to exempt any unit of O U S A with the exception of the E C from complying with the detailed requirements on each type of unit contained within this Constitution either for the purpose of trying to identify more effective forms of localised organisation by experimentation or for the purposes of trialling any new forms of organisation adopted as policy by Conference 2010.”</p>
<b>15M(PO) Executive Committee</b>	Motion	<p>The Association recognises the need for OUSA to register with the Charity Commission under the requirements of the Charities Act 2006. It believes that it will be in the Association’s interests to integrate the agreement of a new formal Constitution, capable of meeting the registration requirements, with the implementation of the results of the Futures project as agreed by Conference 2010. It therefore instructs the Executive Committee to bring a new Constitution to Conference 2011 for endorsement on the following basis:-</p> <p>A - that the decisions made at Conference 2010 in relation to the OUSA Futures project should be taken as the basis for OUSA’s future organisation</p> <p>B - that in general, only those elements of the organisation and structure which need to be in the Constitution to comply with the requirements of the 2006 Act be included in the new Constitution</p> <p>C - that a Board of Trustees be established to take responsibility for the legal and financial matters as required by the Charities Act</p>

D - that the Board of Trustees be accountable to the Central Executive Committee (C E C)/ or whatever any alternative body is named which might replace the current Executive Committee (E C)

E - that the Board of Trustees consist of elected students, be chaired by the President and have a membership of between 6 and 10 being a mixture of Association Officers and other C E C/ E C members

F - that there be wide consultation on all elements of the revised Constitution, including the above, before it is formally submitted to Conference 2011

**16M(PO)**  
**Executive**  
**Committee**    Motion

**LINKED (16-22)**

The Association's policy is that the new OUSA Conference will consist of two elements. There will be a Face to Face (F 2 F) event and an online event. Each element will have an equal share of the formal decision-making authority. It will take place every two years. As now there will be provision to call for an extraordinary meeting of Conference.

There will be an equal number of delegate places available at each element of the OUSA Conference. Each delegate will have one vote, and the votes of all delegates at both elements shall be aggregated to decide upon the voting result of any election or motion presented to Conference.

The F 2 F Conference will consist of half a day's business and one and a half days of presentations, workshops and discussion with opportunities to network and socialise. The Online Conference will consider the same, formal business items but this Conference will be appropriately tailored to the medium used with a range of other activities e.g. presentations, workshops and discussion with opportunities to network and socialise, which

may be different to those at the F 2 F Conference.

Conference will retain the authority to elect the Association's Officers and to affirm or reject any reports or proposals. The Executive Committee and all its members will remain answerable to Conference for their actions.

**16M(PO)A1** Amendment  
**OUSA in**  
**the East of**  
**England**

Para 1: Delete "As now"  
Para 3: Insert before "half a day's business" the words "at least" and before "one and a half days of presentations....." the words "up to"

**17M(PO)**  
**Executive**  
**Committee** Motion

**LINKED (16-22)**

The Association's policy is that if OUSA adopts a system of running any part of Conference online, this part of Conference will be open on a 'read only' basis (or whatever the equivalent depending on the system used) to all students.

**18M(PO)**  
**Executive**  
**Committee** Motion

**LINKED (16-22)**

The Association's policy is that delegate places at Conference, or at each element of Conference if there are both Face to Face and Online elements, which will carry the right to vote, will be allocated to Regions and Nations on the basis of 1 place per 500 members or part thereof. A proportion of those places will be reserved for representatives to be determined by the Nations and Regions. The balance will be made available to individual students on a personal interest basis. Individual students will apply through a central process managed by staff. Particular encouragement will be given to individual members who have not previously attended just out of personal interest, but if there are more applicants than places at the close of registration, some random system of allocation will be applied (e.g. the drawing of lots). The places will be split on the basis of 50:50 representatives to individual members.

**STEERING COMMITTEE NOTE: If this motion is carried then 20M(PO) will fall.**

**19M(PO)  
Executive  
Committee**

Motion

**LINKED (16-22)**

The Association's policy is that delegate places at Conference, or at each element of Conference if there are both Face to Face and Online elements, which will carry the right to vote, will be allocated to Regions and Nations on the basis of 1 place per 500 members or part thereof. A proportion of those places will be reserved for representatives to be determined by the Nations and Regions. The balance will be made available to individual students on a personal interest basis. Individual students will apply through a central process managed by staff. Particular encouragement will be given to individual members who have not previously attended just out of personal interest, but if there are more applicants than places at the close of registration, some random system of allocation will be applied (e.g. the drawing of lots). The places will be split on the basis of 50:50 representatives to individual members. Societies will continue to be able to send delegates who are full members of OUSA and will also be entitled to 1 delegate place per 500 members. Officers and CEC members can attend both elements of Conference, but they will only have one vote.

**STEERING COMMITTEE NOTE: If this motion is carried then 20M(PO) will fall.**

**19M(PO)A1  
Executive  
Committee**

Amendment

After the word 'Societies' add 'and the Disabled Students Group'

Replace the 'CEC members' with ' members of the Central Executive Committee (or whatever any alternative body which might replace the Executive Committee is named)'

**19M(PO)A2  
OUSA in  
the East of  
England**

Amendment

After "(e. g. the drawing of lots)." replace "The places will be split....." with "The availability of places will be split....." retaining the remainder of that paragraph as it reads at present."

**20M(PO)  
Executive  
Committee**

Motion

**LINKED (16-22)**

The Association's policy is that delegate places at Conference, or at each element of Conference if there are both Face to Face and Online elements, which will carry the right to vote, will be allocated to Regions and Nations on the basis of 1 place per 500 members or part thereof. A proportion of those places will be reserved for representatives to be determined by the Nations and Regions. The balance will be made available to individual students on a personal interest basis. Individual students will apply through a central process managed by staff. Particular encouragement will be given to individual members who have not previously attended just out of personal interest, but if there are more applicants than places at the close of registration, some random system of allocation will be applied (e.g. the drawing of lots). The places will be split on the basis of 60:40 representatives to individual members. Societies will continue to be able to send delegates who are full members of OUSA and will also be entitled to 1 delegate place per 500 members. Officers and CEC members can attend both elements of Conference, but they will only have one vote.

**STEERING COMMITTEE NOTE: If 18M(PO) or 19M(PO) is carried then this motion will fall.**

**20M(PO)A1  
Executive  
Committee**

Amendment

After the word 'Societies' add 'and the Disabled Students Group'

Replace the 'CEC members' with 'members of the Central Executive Committee (or whatever any alternative body which might replace the Executive Committee is named)'

**20M(PO)A2  
OUSA in  
the East of  
England**

Amendment

After "(e. g. the drawing of lots)." replace "The places will be split....." with "The availability of places will be split....." retaining the remainder of that paragraph as it reads at present.

<b>21M(PO) Executive Committee</b>	Motion	<p><b>LINKED (16-22)</b></p> <p>The Association’s policy is that the cycle for Conference will be: Year 1 Conference and Officer elections; Year 3 Conference and Officer elections; Year 4 – rules revision convention. The rules revision convention will be held over a period of months and the opportunity for students to participate in the review will be widely publicised with the intention that any proposed changes are discussed in detail before being formally submitted to the next Conference for affirmation. Following the adoption of a new Constitution there would initially be a rules revision Convention after 2 years and thereafter on a four yearly cycle.</p>
<b>22M(PO) Executive Committee</b>	Motion	<p><b>LINKED (16-22)</b></p> <p>This Association intends that Conference should take place in May or June.</p>
<b>22M(PO)A1 Executive Committee</b>	Amendment	<p>Replace ‘May or June’ with ‘late June or early July’.</p>
<b>23M(PO) Executive Committee</b>	Motion	<p><b>LINKED (23-27)</b></p> <p>The Association instructs the Executive Committee to undertake membership consultation with a view to bringing forward to Conference 2011, proposals on the numbers, duties and designations of Association Officers. In framing such proposals, the Executive Committee should take account of the following views which have so far emerged in discussions:–</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the number of Officers should probably be reduced</li> <li>• generally the Officers should have clearer remits without duplication</li> <li>• there should be one Officer with responsibility for student to student support to avoid the confusion and overlaps in the current arrangements</li> <li>• the Education portfolio is too big for one Officer and this should be split</li> </ul>

- there will need to be a President, Deputy President and an Officer responsible for finance and resources
- an Officer will need to have responsibility for the effective representation of students from 'the Rest of the World' at E C.

**24M(PO)  
Executive  
Committee** Motion

**LINKED (23-27)**

This Association will retain its tradition of Officers being unpaid, elected volunteers.

**25M(PO)  
Executive  
Committee** Motion

**LINKED (23-27)**

This Association intends to continue the practice of its Officers and the University Council Member being elected by the delegates to Conference. They will be elected for a term of two years with provision for their removal and provision for elections to casual vacancies. Each Conference delegate, whatever the future format of Conference, will have 1 equal vote.

**26M(PO)  
Executive  
Committee** Motion

**LINKED (23-27)**

This Association intends that incoming Officer and E C members will take office during August and not immediately upon the close of Conference.

**27M(PO)  
Executive  
Committee** Motion

**LINKED (23-27)**

This Association intends that where a vacancy remains following the initial casual election process for Association Officers or the University Council Member nominations will only be re-opened on a six-monthly basis. When a student is elected to a casual vacancy for any of these positions, the term of office will end at the normal date for that position.

**28M(PO)  
Executive  
Committee** Motion

**LINKED (28-31)**

This Association intends that OUSA have a Central Executive Committee, the primary purpose of which will be to ensure the effective and democratic representation of O U students both within the University and the wider world of Higher Education.

<b>29M(PO) Executive Committee</b>	Motion	<b>LINKED (28-31)</b>  This Association intends that OUSA have a Central Executive Committee (C E C), which will consist of the Association Officers, the Student Member of University Council and C E C members for geographic areas.
<b>30M(PO) Executive Committee</b>	Motion	<b>LINKED (28-31)</b>  This Association intends that OUSA have a Central Executive Committee (C E C), on which members for geographic areas continue to be elected by remote ballot conducted centrally by the Association's Returning Officer on an annual basis. It will be open to all members in the Regions and Nations concerned to vote for their C E C member subject to the need to signal their wish to participate by joining the register of electors.
<b>30M(PO)A1 Executive Committee</b>	Amendment	Replace 'an annual' with 'a biennial'
<b>31M(PO) Executive Committee</b>	Motion	<b>LINKED (28-31)</b>  This Association intends that OUSA have a Central Executive Committee (C E C) with much of its business being conducted remotely using various technologies with participation by all members of the C E C. Face-to-Face meetings would normally be limited to twice a year and there will be a minimum of 2 further meetings held online.
<b>32M(PO) Executive Committee</b>	Motion	<b>LINKED (32-33)</b>  This Association feels that is inappropriate for the same student to stand for more than one position on OUSA's Executive body at the same time. It instructs the E C to bring proposals to Conference 2011 to debar this practice.  <b>STEERING COMMITTEE NOTE: If this motion is carried then 33M(PO) will fall.</b>

<b>33M(PO) Executive Committee</b>	Motion	<p><b>LINKED (32-33)</b></p> <p>This Association believes that there is no need to debar the same student from standing for more than one position on OUSA's Executive body at the same time and that this matter does not therefore need to be covered by any formal rules.</p> <p><b>STEERING COMMITTEE NOTE: If 32M(PO) is carried then this motion will fall.</b></p>
<b>34M(PO) Executive Committee</b>	Motion	<p>This Association intends that there be no prescription in the rules about what Standing Committees of its Executive body there should be and that the Executive be free to set up Committees and/or Working Groups with membership which does not have to be limited to students on the Executive.</p>
<b>35M(PO) Executive Committee</b>	Motion	<p><b>LINKED (35-40)</b></p> <p>This Association intends that all elections within the formal structure will be managed centrally by staff and supervised by the Association's Returning Officer. Apart from the elections taking place at the Face to Face element of OUSA Conference, all other elections will be organised remotely primarily by online means with some limited access to postal votes in cases where students would otherwise be disenfranchised.</p>
<b>36M(PO) Executive Committee</b>	Motion	<p><b>LINKED (35-40)</b></p> <p>This Association intends that elections to any role not prescribed by the formal structure or, where expressly allowed, elections to fill casual vacancies within the formal structures, will be managed by the unit concerned following established principles of fairness within OUSA.</p>
<b>37M(PO) Executive Committee</b>	Motion	<p><b>LINKED (35-40)</b></p> <p>This Association intends that as a principle throughout OUSA any student standing for election shall be required to give the following student profile information: module on which currently registered; current qualification intentions; length of study with OU; past qualifications or modules; location.</p>

**38M(PO)  
Executive  
Committee**

Motion

**LINKED (35-40)**

This Association intends that as a principle throughout OUSA all elections with more than one candidate shall provide for electors to choose 'none of the above'. As now in the case of elections with a single candidate, there will continue to be provision to vote for or against that candidate.

**39M(PO)  
Executive  
Committee**

Motion

**LINKED (35-40)**

This Association intends that as a principle throughout OUSA in the case of a post being taken up as a result of a casual vacancy it will terminate at the date stipulated in the original election.

**40M(PO)  
Executive  
Committee**

Motion

**LINKED (35-40)**

This Association intends that as far as all elections to the Executive body are concerned:

each candidate will be entitled to a word-limited curriculum vitae/election address to be published in a designated, online Hustings forum and on the OUSA main website

it will be optional for candidates to provide a photo

there will be a dedicated, online campaigning forum provided by OUSA which will open 1 month before the electoral register (in the case of Regional and National elections to the Executive) or registration for Conference (in the case of Officers and the Council Member) closes

a CAMEL (or similar) message will be sent to all registered students advertising the election campaigns and providing links/information of how to access this

the electoral register/ registration for Conference, will close at least one week before voting commences

Active campaigning may continue until voting has closed.

<b>40M(PO)A1 Republic of Ireland</b>	Amendment	Amend 'the electoral register/ registration for Conference, will close at least one week before voting commences' to 'the electoral register/ registration for Conference, will close no earlier than one week before voting commences'
<b>40M(PO)A2 Executive Committee</b>	Amendment	Replace the final word 'closed' with the word 'opened'.
<b>40M(PO)A3 OUSA in the East of England</b>	Amendment	Delete paragraph which reads "It will be optional for candidates to provide a photo"
<b>40M(PO)A4 OUSA in the North West</b>	Amendment	Replace 'a CAMEL (or similar) message will be sent to all registered students' with 'a message will be sent to all full OUSA members'
<b>41M(PO) Executive Committee</b>	Motion	<b>LINKED (41-47)</b>  This Association intends that the main student body within each Region and Nation be the OUSA Assembly. This will be the formal decision-making body for that area.
<b>42M(PO) Executive Committee</b>	Motion	<b>LINKED (41-47)</b>  This Association intends that the main student body within each Region and Nation be the OUSA Assembly. It will be the decision-making body for the particular Region or Nation but will not be able to make policy contrary to OUSA central policy.  It will have the following purposes :  Primary - to facilitate the representation of OU students at a local/regional/national level within the Open University and Higher Education sector  Primary - to define regional/national level OUSA policy  Primary - to facilitate obtaining the widest possible student opinion and access to discussion and decision making in OUSA

Secondary - to provide an OUSA public face to OU events within the region (e.g. residential school, graduation)

Secondary - to support local OUSA Groups and Networks within the region/nation.

**43M(PO)  
Executive  
Committee**

Motion

**LINKED (41-47)**

This Association intends that there will be 17 geographical units. As far as possible they will share the same characteristics but there will be some limitations on the extent of participation in Face to Face (F 2 F) activities relating to geographic remoteness. The 17 units will consist of the 16 existing OUSA Regions and Nations plus a new unit, currently referred to as Rest of the World (RoW). OUSA will dispense with the notion of sub regions and try to minimise the differences between the current 13 OUSA Regions and Nations and the 3 Sub Regions. There will continue to be some limitations as now on resourcing F 2 F activities in the 2 European units - but no existing units will have fewer rights than now to participate in F 2 F activities e.g. to send delegates to the F 2 F element of Conference or to apply as central reps etc. The RoW unit and the students covered by it will have full rights to participate in OUSA to the extent that such rights can be exercised remotely. Where appropriate, adjustments will be made to minimise any disadvantage e.g. RoW will be allotted twice as many places per 500 members as other Regions and Nations at any online element of Conference.

**44M(PO)  
Executive  
Committee**

Motion

**LINKED (41-47)**

This Association intends that the main student body within each Region and Nation be the OUSA Assembly which will be managed by an Executive consisting of 6 students elected annually by centrally administered elections and the Association Executive member for the Region or Nation concerned.

The elections will be conducted alongside the elections for the Association Executive

members and all those students in the relevant Region or Nation who have registered to vote will be eligible to participate in these elections. The Rest of the World (RoW) will not have an Association Executive member. Instead, there will be a position of RoW Co-ordinator which will be elected by the same process and who will occupy a place on the Assembly Executive.

There will be no prescribed posts or positions within the Assembly/Assembly Executive such as Chair, Treasurer etc. Assemblies and their Executives will be free to organise themselves as they think best and to use whatever role descriptions they feel suitable. Centrally OUSA will require the Assembly Executive Members, following election, to provide details of the student(s) who will take responsibility for certain key functions and contacts with the OUSA office e.g. finance, but generally the instruction/approval of any two members of the Assembly Executive will be regarded as appropriate authority to action items on behalf of the Assembly.

**STEERING COMMITTEE NOTE: If this motion, whether amended or not, is carried than 45M(PO) will fall.**

**44M(PO)A1** Amendment  
**Executive**  
**Committee**

Replace first paragraph with the following:

“This Association intends that the main student body within each Region and Nation be the OUSA Assembly which will be managed by an Executive consisting of 3 students up to 5,000 members; 5 students up to 15,000 members; 6 students up to 25,000 members and 8 students over 25,000 members - elected annually by centrally administered elections and the Association Executive member for the Region or Nation concerned.”

**45M(PO)**  
**Executive**  
**Committee** Motion

**LINKED (41-47)**

This Association intends that the main student body within each Region and Nation be the OUSA Assembly which will be managed by an Executive consisting of a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer elected annually by centrally administered elections and the Association Executive member for the Region or Nation concerned.

The elections will be conducted alongside the elections for the Association Executive members and all those students in the relevant Region or Nation who have registered to vote will be eligible to participate in these elections. The Rest of the World (RoW) will not have an Association Executive member. Instead, there will be a position of RoW Co-ordinator which will be elected by the same process and who will occupy a place on the Assembly Executive.

As now the Officers will have prescribed responsibilities. The Assembly may choose to set up a management committee to share some of the management responsibilities with the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer and if so, it will be free to determine its own arrangements and manage any appointments or elections. However as far as OUSA centrally is concerned, it will only recognise the 4 centrally elected members of the Assembly Executive as having the authority to issues instructions or endorse action on behalf of the Assembly.

**STEERING COMMITTEE NOTE: If 44M(PO), whether amended or not, is carried then this motion will fall.**

**46M(PO)**  
**Executive**  
**Committee**     Motion

**LINKED (41-47)**

This Association intends that there will be 1 place per 500 members for student representatives on the Assembly and all students within the Region/Nation will be eligible to participate in the elections subject to registering to vote. There will be no formal prescription about how these places are to be allocated within the Region/Nation (e.g. no requirements relating to catchment areas, faculties, local groups etc) but there will be a general requirement in relation to all elections in OUSA that those standing are required to provide certain, prescribed information about their study profile and general location so that the electorate can be aware of such issues in exercising their votes.

Assemblies would be able to agree the co-option of students to fill vacancies for student

representatives on the basis of a simple vote for or against, provided that such co-opted members do not exceed 20% of the duly elected members of the Assembly. Assemblies would be able to terminate such co-options on a simple vote, for or against. Assemblies would also be able to co-opt, from amongst their own membership, to vacancies on the Assembly Executive.

It will be open to any student within the Region/Nation to attend meetings of the Assembly as a visitor and at their own expense. Association Officers and Central and Regional Reps on OU bodies from within the Region/Nation will be entitled and positively encouraged to attend meetings of the Assembly as observers with the right to speak and to have their expenses paid from OUSA funds. Beyond that, Assemblies will be free to invite whoever they wish to their meetings and grant whatever level of participation and financial support they feel appropriate save that only full members of the Assembly shall be able to vote in matters of formal business.

The Assembly will determine the students to represent OUSA on the relevant OU Regional/National Committee with due regard to the University's wish that OUSA reflect the interests of students throughout the Region/Nation as far as possible. These students need not themselves be elected members of the Assembly but the Assembly will be expected to put in place an appropriate procedure for their appointment. They will be accountable to the Assembly. As now, all members of the Association's Executive within the Region/Nation will be ex officio members of the OU Committee. The Association's intentions with regard to representation on University bodies will be subject to negotiation and agreement with the University.

**47M(PO)  
Executive  
Committee**

Motion

**LINKED (41-47)**

This Association intends that Assemblies will be appropriately funded to carry out their enhanced responsibilities. It remains committed to funding Face to Face (F 2 F) activities where

this is feasible. Notwithstanding the need for OUSA, at all levels, to make increasing use of online communication methods, sufficient funds will be provided to allow for some F 2 F Assembly meetings with the exception of the Continental Europe and RoW Assemblies. In general, Assemblies will be funded to:

- enable them to hold their own meetings (with the caveat above)
- provide expenses to representatives where this is not covered by the OU (e.g meetings with other student bodies/groups, attendance at HE events etc)
- cover the costs associated with residential school, degree ceremony etc, where not covered by the OU
- provide funds for any OUSA groups/OUSA-supported student activity within their area
- cover administrative expenses for services not provided or already covered centrally.

Assemblies will have control of their own funds but will be expected to operate to 'light touch' guidelines and to exercise proper responsibility for the funds and resources within their control. All accounts will be managed through the Central Units Banking Scheme (CUBS) operated by OUSA staff.

<b>47M(PO)A1 OUSA in the East of England</b>	Amendment	In final paragraph, delete the words "light touch"
<b>48M(PO) Executive Committee</b>	Motion	<p>This Association intends to establish OUSA Groups and Networks for the following purposes:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">to facilitate social interaction between students</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">to facilitate informal networking and support between students</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">to provide for special-interest groups</p>

to act as a network of contacts to be invited to express opinions and receive information.

They will be called Local OUSA Groups or Local OUSA Networks or just OUSA Groups or OUSA Networks if they are going to be wider than a single Region or Nation.

Those wanting to set them up will determine their own membership. They will be expected to abide by certain fundamental principles e.g. being open to all students with that interest/in that area etc. OUSA could not support discriminatory practices or find itself providing resources and support to a closed group of friends. There will be occasions when restricted membership is acceptable e.g. a Group specifically for disabled students, those for whom English is not the mother tongue, or postgraduate students.

Individual groups and networks will decide how to run themselves. However, in order to get access to OUSA resources e.g. the ability to send out newsletters/messages through centrally issued emails, they will need to be registered as an OUSA group or network. There will be a register of all Groups and Networks maintained by the OUSA Office to help with administration. The elected OUSA representatives within Regions and Nations will approve or remove the access of Local Groups and Networks to OUSA facilities and keep the Register for their area up to date. The Association Executive will perform the same function for Central Groups and Networks.

Officially registered Groups and Networks will be able to:

- send out a recruitment advert to all potential Group/Network members

- send out email newsletters

- use the OUSA name and logo

- have an OUSA-provided online forum

advertise on ousaneyou, regional newsletters etc

apply for funds.

Officially registered Groups and Networks will be required to

be open to all students who meet their membership criteria

support the OUSA principles of equality, openness, diversity and be non-discriminatory

operate within OUSA's legally defined objectives

not bring OUSA or the University into disrepute.

The entitlement to use OUSA funds will be related to the purpose the funds are being requested for and not the type of Group or Network. There will be some 'light touch' guidelines on the purposes for which OUSA funds can be used, but other than that it will be a matter for Regions and Nations to decide what funds to allocate to Local Groups or Networks. The Association Executive will perform the same function in relation to Central Groups and Networks.

**49M(PO)  
Executive  
Committee**

Motion

This Association intends that there will be a new procedure for initiating policy reviews which will use a variety of means to involve students in policy discussions throughout the year. These reviews will be widely publicised and where appropriate OUSA will use available technologies to undertake surveys, polls and referenda as part of such reviews. The Executive will be able to initiate policy reviews. It will also be open to individual students or groups of students to initiate a policy review on topics of their choosing subject to the support of a minimum of 50 students in order to justify the use of OUSA resources e.g. Executive members and staff time. On achieving such a threshold, the policy review will have a timetable and staff support to ensure

that a formal report is produced and the Executive will be obliged to find time in their work programme for its consideration.

The Executive would publish its conclusions in a coherent form as an OUSA position statement. All these position statements would be up for formal affirmation at the next OUSA Conference.

**50M(PO)**  
**Executive**  
**Committee**     Motion

**LINKED (50-51)**

This Association will completely overhaul its service for providing support to individual students with the following key objectives:

- to pay appropriate regard to the changes in the University student support systems
- to ensure accuracy in referring students to the correct place in the University
- to be particularly aware of differences between Nations and Regions
- to establish and maintain a clear line between the types of support appropriately given from student to student and those where OUSA's only function is ensuring that students are accurately directed to an appropriate University service
- to make most effective use of online facilities by making an easily accessible online service the core of our provision and the key resource for providing telephone and Face to Face support
- to secure the co-operation of the University in publicising the service so that its availability becomes known to all students and OU staff.

The Executive Committee is instructed to give priority to implementing this revised service with a view to being able to report on its first months of operation at Conference 2011.

**STEERING COMMITTEE NOTE: If this motion is defeated then 51M(PO) will fall.**

<b>50M(PO)CA1 OUSA in the East of England Executive Committee</b>	Amendment	Delete the word 'individual' from the first sentence
<b>51M(PO) OUSA in the East of England</b>	Motion	<b>LINKED (50-51)</b>  Conference supports the proposed changes to OUSA student support and wishes them to be implemented as soon as possible without delay for ratification of a new constitution.  <b>STEERING COMMITTEE NOTE: If 50M(PO) is defeated then this motion will fall.</b>
<b>52M(PO) Executive Committee</b>	Motion	This Association reaffirms its view that affiliated societies make an important and distinct contribution to OU students and the wider OU community. It pledges its continuing commitment to working with, supporting and promoting societies and does not anticipate any significant change in the relationship between affiliated societies and OUSA as a result of the OUSA Futures project, except the hope that affiliated societies will gain some benefit from OUSA's more effective operation.
<b>53M(PO) Executive Committee</b>	Motion	The Association instructs the Executive Committee to ensure that there are clear and simple role descriptions for all positions in the formal structure.
<b>54M(PO) Executive Committee</b>	Motion	The Association instructs the Executive Committee to ensure that there is a general statement about OUSA's expectations of those who agree to carry out a role or representative function on its behalf.
<b>55M(PO) Executive Committee</b>	Motion	The Association instructs the Executive Committee to ensure that there is a protocol governing all contacts between representatives of OUSA (staff or students) and students.

**56M(PO)  
OUSA in  
the East of  
England**

Motion

In those instances in which new policies relating to the future organisation of OUSA do not require changes to the Constitution, and particularly where those new policies offer improvement in the services provided to students, Conference instructs the E C to implement the policies now approved by Conference without delay, and to provide progress reports about their implementation at six monthly intervals.

## **SECTION 2**

### **MOTIONS RELATING TO OUSA**

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<b>Block A</b>	<b>Motions 57 - 62</b>	<b>Saturday Morning</b>
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## SECTION 2

### MOTIONS RELATING TO OUSA

	Communication	FirstClass	1.a.i
		<b>GROUPED</b>	
<b>57M(PO) Executive Committee</b>	Motion	Where an existing policy in the Register of Decisions refers to FirstClass, it should be understood to refer to any relevant online system.	

	Communication	Publications	1.a.iii
<b>58M(PO)A1 OUSA in the East of England</b>	Motion	All oral reports submitted to OUSA business meetings at any level should be followed up by a written report containing the same information within 2 weeks, to be published to the relevant unit's FirstClass forum or, in the case of EC meetings, to be published in OUSA Information.	

**STEERING COMMITTEE NOTE: This motion incorporates an amendment from the originating unit.**

<b>59M(PO)A1 OUSA in the East of England</b>	Motion	Conference welcomes the increased openness that has resulted from E C Ms providing timely reports to their constituents but instructs E C Ms to ensure that relevant papers that have actually been released at the time of the E C meeting and which do not require further modification or amendment are also made available to their constituencies at the time that they produce their reports online, if the relevant papers have not already been published in OUSA Information (or in a similar online format available to all students).	
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**STEERING COMMITTEE NOTE: This motion incorporates an amendment from the originating unit.**

**OUSA Equal Opportunities**

**1.b.**

**60M(PO)  
Stockport  
and  
Cheadle  
Branch**

Motion

**GROUPED**

This Association instructs the Executive Committee to look into the feasibility of keeping a supply of portable wheelchair ramps for units to use as required, and explore options on how to fund this.

**Organisation and Structure**

**Local Units, Branches**

**1.e.vii**

**61M(PO)  
OUSA in  
the North  
West**

Motion

Delete policy 2002/127 (R2007) and replace with:

This Association recognises that the Executive Committee Members in some circumstances need support in assisting branches that are failing or closed.

This Association therefore resolves to allow the Executive Committee Member for the Region to appoint full members of OUSA who will be called Branch Points of Contact. Where the ECM post is vacant this power will be exercised by the Vice President Representation, or in the absence of a Vice President Representation, the President. The appointment should be ratified by the Regional Forum.

Branch Points of Contact shall:

- 1) receive all correspondence issued to Branch officers, with the exception of ballot papers;
- 2) assist their Executive Committee Member in holding a meeting to elect Conference delegates for their Branch;
- 3) produce Branch newsletters to assist in maintaining channels of communication with student members;
- 4) act as a moderator for any FirstClass conference for the branch;
- 5) assist interested parties to form a branch committee structure if and when required;
- 6) be entitled to attend OUSA Forum meetings for the Branch area they represent;
- 7) be entitled to claim expenses from Branch funds held on behalf of the Branch centrally.

**Organisation and Structure****Membership****1.e.ix****62M(PO)  
OUSA in  
the East of  
England**

Motion

Conference recognises that subscription membership (with financial support where appropriate) may offer advantages for both members and the Association and asks for consideration to be given as part of OUSA Futures.

**SECTION 3**  
**MOTIONS RELATING TO THE OPEN UNIVERSITY**

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<b>Block G</b>	<b>Motions 64 - 76</b>	<b>Sunday Morning</b>
<b>Block I</b>	<b>Motions 77 – 84</b>	<b>Sunday Morning</b>

Motions 68M(PO) to 69M(PO); 71M(PO) to 76M(PO); 77M(PO) to 79M(PO) and 81M(PO) to 82M(PO) are LINKED.

### SECTION 3

#### MOTIONS RELATING TO THE OPEN UNIVERSITY

	Communication	First Class	2.b.ii
<b>64M(PO) Oxford Abingdon Witney Branch</b>	Motion	<b>GROUPED</b>  This Association believes that FirstClass is no longer fit for purpose as a means of communication between Branches and their members. This Association calls upon the University to introduce a better means of communication between Branches and all their members.	
	Communication	General	2.b.iii
<b>65M(PO) OUSA in the East of England</b>	Motion	<b>GROUPED</b>  This Association proposes that a letter of introduction prepared by OUSA containing links to its website and other basic contact information (for example a brief explanation of structure) be included in the initial mailing when the University confirms a student's place on their first or next course.	
<b>66M(PO) A1 OUSA in the East of England</b>	Motion	<b>GROUPED</b>  This Association requests that The Open University inserts onto course registration forms a question asking them if they would like contact details of representatives of the Students Association (OUSA) in their Branch and Regional Forum. If the student does wish to make contact, details that the local representatives have decided should be made available will be forwarded to the student by their Regional Centre and not used for anything by the OU or any other third party.  <b>STEERING COMMITTEE NOTE: This motion incorporates an amendment by the originating unit.</b>	

**67M(PO)  
Disabled  
Students  
Group**

Motion

**GROUPED**

This Association requests that The Open University insert a question in Course Registration Forms which asks the applicant if they would like information on how to join the Disabled Students Group. If the response is 'Yes' then the contact details the applicant has supplied will be passed on to the O U S A Office.

**Communication**

**Website**

**2.b.iv**

**68M(PO)  
Disabled  
Students  
Group**

Motion

**LINKED (68-69)**

In order to improve the accessibility and usability of the Open University's web pages, this Association urges the University to take full account of students' experiences and feedback during the design and testing phases of the development of its web pages and web-based applications. To achieve this, students need to be able to give feedback directly to members of the relevant development team to ensure that it will be acted on. This could occur by establishing a procedure that encouraged and facilitated feedback from students with accessibility issues when developing new versions of web-based applications.

**69M(PO)A1  
Disabled  
Students  
Group**

Amendment

**LINKED (68-69)**

This Association urges the Open University to set up a formal, accessible procedure for reporting accessibility and usability problems with the University's web pages and web-based applications, with instructions for the procedure, and the information students need to provide, being made readily available to the Association.

**STEERING COMMITTEE NOTE: This motion incorporates an amendment from the originating unit.**

<b>Education</b>		<b>2.c.</b>
<b>70M(PO) Executive Committee</b>	Motion	<p>The Policy of this Association is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ to ensure that all individuals have a right to access education to enable them to fulfil their potential and support the University's commitment to being open to all, while acknowledging that the University has a duty to provide guidance to enable students to make appropriate choices, based on their prior learning or experience, for a successful educational experience.</li> <li>▪ to require the Open University to offer modules and qualifications that are relevant, globally recognized and transferable, while providing a diverse and comprehensive curriculum which maintains quality and consistency in content, presentation, assessment and all associated support systems.</li> <li>▪ to require the University to communicate with all students in a timely and accessible manner; to publicise all courses widely with all details of physical and accessibility requirements fully explained and that alternative formats of materials are available.</li> </ul>
<b>70M(PO)A1 OUSA in the North West</b>	Amendment	<p>Insert as a second bullet point:          "to require the University to provide material to enable students to improve their basic skills to the standard required to study level one courses."</p>

<b>Education</b>		<b>Animals in Experiments</b>	<b>2.c.i.</b>
<b>71M(PO) Societies Standing Committee</b>	Motion	<b>LINKED (71-76)</b>	<p>This Association urges the Open University to replace the educational use of material from purpose-bred and purpose-killed animals with ethically-sourced animal (not excluding human) material and non-animal alternatives such as computer modelling, videos, mannequins and student self-experimentation.</p>

**72M(PO)  
Societies  
Standing  
Committee**

Motion

**LINKED (71-76)**

Delete policy 2003/34 (R2008) and replace with:

**Ethically-Sourced Materials**

This Association recognises that the University may wish to continue to provide experiments using animal-derived materials. It calls upon the University to ensure that any such materials are ethically sourced, e.g. not from purpose-bred or purpose-killed animals.

**73M(PO)  
Societies  
Standing  
Committee**

Motion

**LINKED (71-76)**

Delete policy 2005/90 and replace with:

**Opt-out Provision for Students from Animal Experiments**

This Association recognises that many students do not wish to take part in experiments involving the use of animals or materials from purpose-killed animals. It calls upon the University to:

- a) provide sufficient details about such experiments in the course choice publications, course materials, and on its relevant website pages;
- b) provide formal alternatives for students where such experiments take place and ensure these alternatives are freely available and published in course choice publications, course materials, and on its relevant website pages;
- c) take steps to reduce the number of animals needed by replacement with viable alternatives e.g. computer simulations.
- d) Explore ways in which these alternatives may be implemented and expanded.
- e) Ensure that no student's academic assessment is affected by refusal to participate and a statement to that effect is placed in the Student Handbook, in course choice publications, course materials and on its relevant website pages;

- f) Implement these changes as soon as possible.

**STEERING COMMITTEE NOTE: If this motion is carried 85M(PO) is automatically amended to remove reference to policy 2005/90.**

**73M(PO)A1  
Executive  
Committee**

Amendment

Delete clause e)

**74M(PO)  
Societies  
Standing  
Committee**

Motion

**LINKED (71-76)**

Delete policy 2005/91 and replace with:

Ethical Beliefs and Study of Particular Courses

This Association recognises that some students may not wish to use animal-derived material in the course of their studies at undergraduate level. This Association believes that students should not have to go against their ethical and/or cultural beliefs to study a particular course and calls upon the University to ensure that:

- Students are always offered a choice between using animal-derived material and alternative methods during experiments
- Students are informed if any animal-derived material was not ethically sourced.

**STEERING COMMITTEE NOTE: If this motion is carried 85M(PO) is automatically amended to remove reference to policy 2005/91.**

**75M(PO)  
Societies  
Standing  
Committee**

Motion

**LINKED (71-76)**

Delete policy 2007/75 and replace with

Annual Report

This Association asks the Open University to provide the General Manager of OUSA and OUSA Vice President Education with an annual report giving a detailed breakdown of

its use of animals in research and education for onward transmission to those OUSA members who request it.

The report should include:

- (a) numbers of animals and/or details of any animal-derived material ordered and used on each course or presentation thereof, and in each research project, and:
- (b) the number of students on each course presentation in each year
- (c) the 2007 report should include the figures for 2006, and subsequent reports should include the figures for the year before's report until the data for 5 years are shown. Thereafter the figures for the current year and the preceding 4 years should be shown.

**75M(PO)A1 Executive Committee**      Amendment      In clause (c) replace '2007' with '2011' and replace '2006' with '2010'

**76M(PO) Societies Standing Committee**      **LINKED (71-76)**

Motion      This Association calls for the complete cessation of research using animals and unethically-sourced animal materials at the OU, for its replacement with methods such as, but not limited to, epidemiological and clinical studies, scanning technology, in vitro studies and computer modelling, and for any animal-derived materials to be ethically-sourced.

**Education**      **Assignments**      **2.c.iv**

**77M(PO) OUSA in Northern Europe**      **LINKED (77-79)**

Motion      This Association calls upon the University to allow the submission of eTMAs in the .odt format

**78M(PO) OUSA in Northern Europe**      **LINKED (77-79)**

Motion      This Association calls upon the University to allow the submission of eTMAs in .pdf format

**79M(PO) OUSA in**      **LINKED (77-79)**

<b>Northern Europe</b>	Motion	This Association urges the University as a matter of principle to allow the submission of eTMAs in the main file types supported by the software it supplies.
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<b>80M(PO)A1 OUSA in the East of England</b>	Motion	Conference affirms that students value the feedback provided to them in the form of marked TMAs that they have submitted. It rejects any suggestion that sample scrutiny and provision of a general report on the type of problems that students encounter provides feedback which is an adequate substitute (although it recognises that this is of some help). Irrespective of the question of whether Continuous Assessments should or should not form part of the Overall Course Result, it calls upon the University to continue to return individually marked TMAs to students studying on courses (modules) of 30 and 60 credit points, in order that those students are able to determine whether they are making adequate progress with their studies, even if to do so leads to an increase in the cost of courses to students.
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**STEERING COMMITTEE NOTE: This motion incorporates an amendment from the originating unit.**

<b>Education</b>	<b>Course Design and Review</b>	<b>2.c.x</b>
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<b>81M(PO) OUSA in the East of England</b>	Motion	<p><b>LINKED (81-82)</b></p> <p>Conference regrets the proposed withdrawal of the currently offered named science awards but, in order that as many as possible of the currently registered students wishing to study for these awards are not disadvantaged, it calls upon the University to implement the customary five year phase out of these awards, accepting that the requisite residential courses themselves may cease before the end of that time.</p>
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During the five year phase out period it calls upon the University to investigate alternative

methods of incorporating practical work that might enable these named awards to continue, possibly by collaboration with other financially challenged universities, so that practical modules produced by such other universities (and separately entered into by O U students) might be counted towards the Open University's named science awards.

**82M(PO)  
OUSA in the  
East of  
England**

Motion

**LINKED (81-82)**

Conference recognises the financial pressures under which the Open University is currently placed (along with all other Higher Education Institutes). However, it views with considerable concern the planned withdrawal of residential courses and the named specialist honours awards in the Science Faculty.

Whilst it welcomes the introduction of a form of teaching of practical science that may enable students who were not previously able to undertake residential courses in order to gain an honours award in natural science to do so, it notes that alternative routes through the replacement second (and, if applicable, third) level practical science courses include routes through which supervised laboratory science and field science could be offered.

It calls on the university to ensure that the hands on opportunities in the second level practical science course are not withdrawn in favour of the "virtual" route, whilst acknowledging that, by presenting such "hands on" practical work at day schools or weekend schools and field trips in place of the one week residential, the overall cost to students may increase when travel costs and accommodation costs have to be borne separately.

**82M(PO)A1  
OUSA in  
Yorkshire**

Amendment

Replace the second paragraph as follows:

Whilst it welcomes the introduction of a virtual form of teaching of practical science that may enable students who were not previously able to undertake residential courses in order to gain an honours award in natural science to do so, it notes that alternative routes through which supervised laboratory science and field science at second and third level could be offered.

**STEERING COMMITTEE NOTE: This amendment has been subject to a drafting amendment.**

**Education**

**Tutorial and Staff Provision**

**2.c.xxv**

**83M(PO)  
Oxford  
Abingdon  
Witney Branch**

Motion

This Association believes that it is difficult for some students to attend tutorials due to their location and timing. This Association calls upon the University to be more flexible about tutorials' location and timing.

**Fees and Funding**

**Fee payment**

**2.e.ii**

**84M(PO)  
OUSA in the  
East of  
England**

Motion

This Association urges the OU to postpone by a minimum of 6 months the imminent withdrawal of the Tesco Voucher scheme from all courses except those at Level 1, so that all students, especially those newly attracted to OU study by the scheme, are given a longer period of notice in which to make any necessary adjustments to their financial planning, so that they have maximum opportunity to complete their OU studies.

**SECTION 4**  
**MOTIONS RELATING TO OTHER BODIES**

No motions received in this section.



## **SECTION 5**

### **MOTIONS RELATING TO POLICY AFFIRMATION AND DELETIONS**

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**Block H**

**Motions 85 - 87**

**Sunday Morning**

## SECTION 5

### MOTIONS RELATING TO DELETIONS AND POLICY AFFIRMATIONS

#### POLICIES FOR REAFFIRMATION

<b>85M(PO) Societies Standing Committee</b>	Motion	Re-affirm the following policies:-		
		Policy Number	Register of Decisions Section	Policy Title
		2005/90	2.c.i	Opt-out Provision for Students from Animal Experiments”
		2005/91	2.c.i	Ethical Beliefs and Study of Particular Courses

**STEERING COMMITTEE NOTE: If 73M(PO) is carried this motion will be automatically amended to remove reference to policy 2005/90. If 74M(PO) is carried this motion will be automatically amended to remove reference to policy 2005/91.**

<b>85M(PO)A1 Executive Committee</b>	Amendment	Remove policy number 2005/90.		
<b>86 M(PO) Disabled Students Group</b>	Motion	Re-affirm the following policies:-		
		Policy Number	Register of Decisions Section	Policy Title
		2005/135	2.d	Compulsory Disability awareness Training for Tutors
		2005/80	2.d	Specific needs Equipment
		2005/43	2.d	Permission to use Equipment provided through D S A”
	2005/42	2.d	Special Consideration for New Drugs Regimes	

## POLICIES FOR DELETION

**87 M(PO)  
Executive  
Committee**

Motion Delete the following policies:-

Policy Number	Register of Decisions Section	Policy Title
2008/78	1.a.i.	Review of FirstClass Conferences
2008/76	1.a.i.	Easy Access for Post-holders
2008/74	1.a.i.	Administering FirstClass
2006/44	1.a.i.	Send Only Access Granted to FirstClass Branch Conferences
2005/31	1.a.i.	Priority of OUSA Icon on FirstClass Desktops
2005/28	1.a.ii.	Feasibility of Generic R F FirstClass email Addresses
2007/26	1.a.iii.	OUSA Bulletin
2005/36	1.a.iv.	Internet Sites Compliance with Disability Discrimination Act



## SECTION 6

### TEXT OF COMPOSITED MOTIONS AND AMENDMENTS

<b>14C(CA) Executive Committee</b>	Motion	<p>Section 15.1 replace this paragraph with the following:-</p> <p>“The Executive Committee shall have the power to exempt any unit of O U S A with the exception of the E C from complying with the detailed requirements on each type of unit contained within this Constitution either for the purpose of trying to identify more effective forms of localised organisation by experimentation or for the purposes of trialling any new forms of organisation adopted as policy by Conference 2010.”</p>
<b>14C(CA) OUSA in the East of England</b>	Motion	<p>Conference has supported several policies set out by the Executive Committee in respect of OUSA Futures.</p> <p>It notes that some of these will require changes to the Constitution; however, it advocates that, where the provisions of Section 15 permit, many of the proposed changes that have been approved by Conference might reasonably be trialled under that Section, subject to interim approval and monitoring by the E C.</p>
<b>50M(PO)CA1 Executive Committee</b>	Amendment	Delete the word ‘individual’ from the first sentence
<b>50M(PO)CA1 OUSA in the East of England</b>	Amendment	Delete from second line of first paragraph, the word "individual"



## SECTION 7

### DISALLOWED MOTIONS

<b>2M(CA)A1 OUSA in the North West</b>	Amendment	<p>Amend the motion to read as follows:</p> <p>In section 5.3.2.3, delete 'in the FirstClass branch conference(s)' and replace with 'in the branch online forum'.</p> <p>In section 6.6.5, remove 'First Class conference' and insert in 'online forum'.</p> <p><b>STEERING COMMITTEE NOTE: This amendment has been disallowed as it seeks to change the nature of the original constitutional amendment and therefore should have been submitted as an original motion.</b></p>
<b>7M(CA) Somerset Branch</b>	Aim	<p>To allow OUSA Members not resident in the region to attend the online element of R F Meetings as visitors without requesting permission</p>
	Motion	<p>In section 6.2.11 add 'the face to face element of' before 'a meeting'.</p> <p>In section 6.2.11 after 'that meeting.' add 'Other persons will be able to attend the online element of a meeting of the Regional Forum as visitors, each Regional Forum Committee will decide on the participation level of such visitors.'</p> <p><b>STEERING COMMITTEE NOTE: This motion has been disallowed because it would create ambiguity in the constitution.</b></p>
<b>9M(CA) Somerset Branch</b>	Aim	<p>To facilitate visitors' and observers' attendance of the online element of Regional Forum meetings by removing the need to send paperwork in advance for the online element</p>
	Motion	<p>Delete section 6.6.5 and replace with 'Notice, Agenda and papers of all meetings shall be sent to all Regional Forum members and observers attending the face to face element of the Regional Forum meeting, to all Branch Secretaries of OUSA in the Region and to the General Manager of OUSA, not less than two</p>

weeks before the date of the meeting. Notice, Agenda and all papers shall be posted into the Regional Forum FirstClass conference not less than 7 days before the meeting which will be considered sufficient for those attending only the online element.'

**STEERING COMMITTEE NOTE: This motion has been disallowed because it would create ambiguity in the constitution.**

<b>12M(CA) Societies Standing Committee</b>	Aim	An additional clause to the Constitution under 8. Societies
	Motion	8.3.10 Status of OUSA Representatives on Society Committees.

All Affiliated Societies will ensure that the OUSA Representative is democratically elected from among the respective Society's Membership and that once elected will be given full voting rights as a full Member of the Committee of that Society and unrestricted access to all Committee Meetings of the Society. This will ensure proper communication between the Affiliated Society concerned and both OUSA and the SSC via the OUSA Representative and further ensure full compliance with all Rules, Regulations and Guidelines relating to OUSA Affiliation.

**STEERING COMMITTEE NOTE: This motion has been disallowed because it would create ambiguity in the constitution.**

<b>12M(CA)A1 Societies Standing Committee</b>	Aim of Amendment	To correct any ambiguity regarding the original motion regarding the Constitution.
	Amendment	10 Sub-committees, 10.3. Societies Standing Committee, 10.3.1. Membership.

In Section 10.3.7. add a new sentence after the last sentence ending "the OUSA Conference".

Affiliated Societies will ensure that, when their Society's representative to OUSA is elected at an AGM of the Society, that they are then a full voting member of the committee of that society.

**STEERING COMMITTEE NOTE: This amendment has been disallowed because it**

**does not remedy the defect in the original motion.**

<b>86M(PO)A1 Disabled Students Group</b>	Aim	To include omitted policy
	Amendment	2005/80 Specific needs Equipment
		2005/135 Compulsory Disability awareness Training for Tutors
		2005/43 Permission to use Equipment provided through D S A
		2005/42 Special Consideration for New Drugs Regimes
	2005/36 Internet Sites Compliance with Disability Discrimination Act.	

**STEERING COMMITTEE NOTE: As stated in CD5/6, amendments cannot be used to add policies for deletion or affirmation since these should have be submitted as original motions.**

<b>87M(PO)A1 Disabled Students Group</b>	Aim	To include remove policy from the list for deletion
	Amendment	Remove:  2005/36 Internet Sites Compliance with Disability Discrimination Act.

**STEERING COMMITTEE NOTE: This amendment has been disallowed since as all policy created in 2005 automatically expires unless reaffirmed by Conference 2010, this amendment can have no effect.**

<b>87M(PO)A2 OUSA in the North West</b>	Amendment	Remove "2005/36 1.a.iv. Internet Sites Compliance with Disability Discrimination Act"
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**STEERING COMMITTEE NOTE: This amendment has been disallowed since as all policy created in 2005 automatically expires unless reaffirmed by Conference 2010, this amendment can have no effect.**



## **IMPORTANT POINTS TO REMEMBER**

### **Beware of Changes to the Time Table**

- Please note that times other than those for the commencement of Conference sessions are approximate. The timetable may have to be adjusted to take account of various eventualities during Conference. Those intending to participate in debates must not rely on this as an absolute guide as to when that business will be called.
- Motions which have not been debated through lack of time will be taken under Any Outstanding Business towards the end of the Sunday session.

### **Those Wishing to Speak**

- Those wishing to speak may only do so when invited by the Chair. Marked seats near the front of the hall are reserved for those who wish to catch the Chair's eye.
- All delegates and observers who are full members of OUSA have the right to speak to any motion. Visitors may only speak with the permission of Conference.
- All speakers must address Conference through a microphone. If you are moving a motion or amendment, or you know that you want to speak in a certain debate, please come to the front of the hall in good time so you are ready.
- If you have a difficulty in getting to the rostrum and wish to speak from your seat, please raise your hand with the card provided to indicate that you would like a roving microphone to be brought to you if called to speak.
- No person shall speak more than once in any debate except where they have a right of reply. This does not preclude anyone from raising Points of Information or Points of Order.
- When you start to speak, the first thing you should do is state your name and the unit for which you are a delegate or observer, and the unit you are speaking on behalf of if this is different.
- After you have spoken, if you do not intend to speak again for some time, please return to your normal seat in order to keep the marked seats clear for others.

### **Time Allowed for Speakers**

- A speaker moving a motion or amendment shall be allowed to speak for a maximum of three minutes. All other speakers in a debate shall have a maximum of two minutes.
- The clock starts from the moment the Chair calls on you to speak. If you are at the back of the hall at that time you may lose a good part of your allotted speaking time.
- Keep an eye on the lights. When the yellow light comes on this is a warning that you have only thirty seconds left to speak. When the red light comes on you must stop.

### **If Your Unit Wants to Withdraw a Motion**

- If for some reason a unit no longer wishes to present a motion which it has on the Order Paper, Conference may be asked for permission for it to be withdrawn. To do this, after coming to the rostrum and giving your name and unit, simply say that you are asking on behalf of the unit concerned for permission to withdraw the motion.