OPEN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

Central Executive Committee (CEC)
22 – 24 January 2016

ONE MEMBER ONE VOTE (OMOV)

The CEC is asked to:

i) receive a presentation and demonstration from Luke Ashby and Owen Waite, Electoral Reform Society (ERS) on the online election portal created for the OU Students Association 2016 student elections.

ii) discuss methodology of the implementation of one-member-one-vote and Single Transferable Voting.

iii) agree the proposals for use at Conference 2016.

1. Background

1.1 Conference 2014 approved the change to move towards one-member-one-vote for future elections.

1.2 In November 2014, the Central Executive Committee agreed to seek external input on how we could manage such elections for Conference 2016.

1.3 Election Reform Services (ERS) are the sector leader in voting solutions, advice and independent validation of elections. They were present at Conference 2014 and worked alongside us to manage and validate the election process.

1.4 A paper giving an overview of the types of services ERS offer with a link to a testing site for members came to the last CEC meeting in November to which students comments were fed back. A full proposal for ERS to manage our student elections in 2016 later went to the BoT who approved the proposal.

2. Next Steps

2.1 Luke Ashby and Owen Waite from ERS will be in attendance at the meeting to demonstrate the OU Students Association online portal and talking about
the methodology options available. They will be asking for feedback on the new online voting platform and welcome any comments or concerns raised from the testing site.

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