OPEN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

Central Executive Committee (CEC)
27 – 29 January 2017

RECIPROCAL OBSERVER STATUS

The CEC is asked to:

i) discuss the proposal for reciprocal observer status.

1. At its meeting of November 22nd 2016 the Board of Trustees agreed that in order to further mutual understanding of the two bodies and reduce the risk of conflict that observers from each body be invited to attend meetings of the other.

2. It was decided that this would be brought to the CEC at the January meeting with a view to being subsequently formalised in the Bye Laws if agreed.

3. Observers will be given access to non-confidential papers ahead of the meeting and will be encouraged to participate while these are being discussed. They will not, however, have voting rights.

4. In keeping with existing custom observers will not be present while confidential matters are being discussed unless agreed to by the relevant committee members.

5. It will be for each body to determine which of its members shall attend as observer for any particular meeting but it is recommended that except where there are no other volunteers available no one should attend as an observer on more than one occasion.

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