



UBES Unofficial Constitution 2023-24



1. Voting shall be conducted using the First Past the Post Voting System and NOT by the Alternative Voting System.
2. ALL positions shall be contested. Where a position is not genuinely contested a member present at the AGM should put himself or herself forward to “contest” the position.
3. Throughout the AGM the incumbent President must wear an outfit of the Vice President’s choosing. Should the incumbent President not be present at the AGM they must wear this outfit at the next society social.
4. In any publicity, the UBES AGM must be referred to as being held in the “Lash District.” This is regardless of the actual location of the AGM.
5. In the event of a candidate(s) getting beaten by RON they must create a short speech in honour of RON, declaring their undying loyalty.
6. Any Fresh Freshers on the AGM trip will be required to perform a 1 minute group dance before the beginning of the AGM to create some sort of "Opening Ceremony." This must be declared no earlier than 15mins before the opening ceremony.
7. Once elected the new president must cut a small lock of hair from the outgoing president and then keep the lock of hair on their person for their entire term as president, preferably in the form of a locket. This will serve as a reminder of the great traditions and responsibilities they have sworn to uphold. At the end of the term, at the following AGM, the lock of hair should be ceremonially burnt. At any point during their term any UBES Member or UBES Alumni can challenge the president to see the hair and if the President is not able to present it immediately then a forfeit will be applicable.
8. Once elected the incoming President and Vice President must be fastened to each other using climbing gear by the incoming kit and safety officer. They must then stay fastened until 11am the following morning.

9. At the AGM the social secretaries must summarise the year's gossip in the form of a freestyle rap.
10. Returning Old UBESers must perform a closing ceremony after voting is finished, to complete the cycle.
11. The newly elected Kit and Safety Officers shall be officiated by the outgoing Kit and Safety officers.
12. In addition to the regular committee positions there may be elected a "Foreign Correspondent" to inspire UBESers from afar. Individuals must:
 - a) Promote UBES internationally
 - b) Offer their country as a base for UBESers that year
 - c) Provide a report of at least one adventure from that country to inspire UBESersFor the year 2023-24, this shall be Lauren Parkhouse, Mathew Holts and Ben Heath.
13. The incoming expedition officer is allowed to declare a mutiny on the outgoing expedition officer's expedition. The mutiny must be adverted via the means of Sock Wrestling. If the incoming expedition officer wins, the outgoing officer yields responsibility for the next year. If the outgoing officer wins, they must either drink 1pnt of a chosen beverage or 200g of cheese paid by the incoming officer and complete re-matches until the incoming officer winds.
14. The President has the power to announce a chosen mammal commonly found on the British Isles at the AGM. During the year, if a UBESer is able to touch the designated mammal and provide unquestionable proof of the endeavour, the president must complete a forfeit as agreed at the preceeding AGM

For 2023-24, the President has nominated a Deer as the mammal and the agreed forfeit by the electorate as a lake bag in a fountain.
15. One Named River found on an OS 1:25,000 scale map per UK national park completed on a UBES trip is allowed to be counted each year the lake bagging competition. Any further river bagged in the national park does not count. This will increase the viability of the competition for national parks devoid of suitable lakes.
16. Unofficial positions for life may be proposed and awarded to members, subject to a vote at a General Meeting. Positions awarded thus far include:
 - a. Bread and Limbo Officer
 - b. Custard and Bimble Officer
 - c. Chichester Bypass Officer

- d. Interior Design Officer
- e. UBESter of the Blynyddoedd
- f. Royal Bogstalker for the Duchy of Dartmoor – James Harris (2023 ->)
- g. Sewage Treatment Officer – Jack Kanutin (2023 - >)

Last updated 28/04/2023 – James Harris and Lauren Parkhouse

Previous updates: Jodie Hill (2021), Alasdair Robertson (2017), John Naish (2015), Dom Bradbury (2016), Tim Lewis (2016), Emily Grout (2017), Tim Lewis (2017)

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