

## **Motion: Renaming LSESU LGBT Officer to LSESU LGBT+ Officer**

Proposer: Alex Leung, 201301790 (Current LGBT Officer)

Seconded: Rachel Bleetman, 201102336 (President of LGBT+ Alliance)

### ***Passed***

17<sup>th</sup> October 2014

Yes - 297

No - 17

Undecided - 11

### The Union Believes:

1. That over previous years more LGBT societies and groups across UK have adopted either a plus, star or additional letters such as Q, I and A into their official name.
2. That this reflects a growing interest in societies to reach out to the wider community and aim to include students who may not identify as being Lesbian, Gay, Bi or Trans, but identify within the star or plus as being Asexual, Pansexual etc.
3. LSESU LGBT Officer currently represents students who identify as a wide variety of minority gender identities and sexual orientations.
4. Identities including asexuality, intersex, queer and polyamorous are all represented by LSESU LGBT Officer, but are not included in the nomenclature or umbrella terms.
5. There is a lack of awareness within the LGBT community and the wider community regarding these identities and issues faced by people who identify as such.

### The Union Further Believes

1. The addition of a + symbol has also been suggested as an umbrella term to represent minority gender identities and sexual orientations not included explicitly in the term LGBT.
2. The term LGBT+ does not detract from the recognisable LGBT term.
3. The + symbol is not exclusive; any minority gender identity or sexual orientations can be included in the term.
4. Several institutions have renamed LGBT societies and associations as LGBT+.
5. These name changes have led to an increase in participation from people identifying as other minority identities at some of these institutions.

### The Union Resolves

1. To rename LSESU LGBT Officer as LSESU LGBT+ Officer.
2. To promote further issues relating to people who identify under the + umbrella.
3. To promote the reasons behind the renaming to LSESU LGBT+ Alliance.