## Bye-Law 10: Associate Membership provision for Partnership Students

- In accordance with the Articles of Association, this Bye-Law outlines the rights and provision of Union services for students studying on a University of Suffolk award at a Partner Institutions. This bye-law is informed by the following principles:
  - 10.1 Ensuring all students studying for a University of Suffolk award have access to independent advice from UOS Students' Union (UOS SU)
  - 10.2 Ensuring clarity of approach in terms of rights and access to services of those students studying at Partnership Institutions
  - 10.3 The practicality of offering services to students who are based at Partner Institutions worldwide given the inherent geographical limitations on service provision.
  - 10.4 The distinction between 'Lead Institution' as the University of Suffolk and 'Lead Institution' as a Partnership Organisation as defined by the University of Suffolk
- 10.5 Partner students studying on courses where the Lead Institution is the University of Suffolk will have full membership of University of Suffolk Students' Union
  - 10.6 Partner students studying on courses where the Partner Institution is the Lead Institution shall have **Associate membership** of the University of Suffolk Students' Union. This Associate Membership, designated 'Partner Student Associate Membership' shall have the following rights:
  - 10.7 The right to access independent and impartial advice from UOS SU at the formal stage of any University of Suffolk Regulation or policy which applies to students
  - 10.8 The right to take part in SU activities which take place online and for which remote access is possible
- 10.9 Students with **Associate Membership** shall not have the right to stand or vote in UOS SU Officer elections.
  - 10.10 This bye-law should be reviewed on the following basis by Student Council and the Board of Trustees
  - 10.11 Notification of a new Partnership Institution where the University of Suffolk is the Lead Partner and additionally:
  - 10.12 At Student Council AGM