



student action on world poverty and the environment

General Proposal for the Forum 2009

Deadline for proposals: 8 December 2008

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Categories for proposals: finance and fundraising, present campaign, group support, communications, democracy, network, other, events

Your details

Please provide the details of those putting forward the proposal. More than one proposer is optional.

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Your proposal

Total word limit for this section: **500 words**.

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| Which category does your proposal best fit into? | MC / Democracy |
| Title | Making the MC accountable to the Network. |
| Summary of your proposal (no more than 30 words). For example, a topic for discussion, a position to debate or suggested course of action (like a motion). | Student MC members are elected for a two year term to ensure continuity on the MC, however, a way for MC members to be accountable to the Network is needed. |
| <i>What is the proposed agenda item? (Write about your proposal in more detail here.)</i> | |

That after student members of the MC give a round up of what they have been doing over the past 9 months and what they plan to do and take any questions. The below process should be explained to the delegates and asked if they believe that it should be used. After a discussion and if a majority of people believe that is should be implemented then:

Then there should be an opportunity for members of the Network to ask for a vote of no confidence in a member of the MC.

The member of the Network will then be given two minutes to explain why they believe that a vote of no confidence should be passed on a member of the MC. The member of the MC in question shall then have two minutes to respond. After this the floor shall be opened up for questions towards both the MC member and the member of the Network raising the vote of no confidence after which a vote of no confidence shall be taken. If a majority of the delegates vote in favour of no confidence then that member of the MC shall resign immediately from the MC and another MC place shall be made available at the MC election.

Why is this important for People & Planet? For example, why is it valuable to discuss or if implemented, how will it make P&P more effective?

It is necessary for MC members to serve two years so that the MC has the necessary continuity of members with a years experience of the committee so that it can effectively undertake it's work. However, not having to stand for re-election means that the student MC members are not accountable to the Network and there is no way for the Network to remove a MC member if the Network is unhappy with the decisions that MC members make or the work which they have carried out. For democracy to function accountability is always needed.

How could it be implemented? (if applicable)

If people believe that it should be implemented then the process should be undertaken at this Forum and at future Forums, it should also then be written into the MC Charter.

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