

Committee Title	Student Voice					
Date of Meeting	10 th February 2020					
Item Number and Title/Subject	Name change of Black Minority Ethnic (BME) Group/Officer to Ethnic Diversity Networking Group and the Ethnic Diversity Networking Officer					
Paper Presenter	Grace Nyariki, BME Officer					
Brief Summary of Issues/Topic	<p>The BME Group and Officer request a name change from Black Minority Ethnic Group and Officer to Ethnic Diversity Networking Group and Officer within sections 3.5 and 3.6 of the Students' Association By-Laws.</p> <p>Part of the name change is the recognition of representing a diverse range of ethnic groups and representing their interests, while creating a safer and more equal society. Although these individuals factually represent a minority in the population as far as numbers are concerned, continually referring to a minority does not create a consciousness of equality. Referring to minorities seems to emphasise under representation instead of encouraging a society that is open to various ethnicities as the norm.</p> <p>It is also proposed to change the name of the NUS Black Students' Conference to the NUS Liberation Conference in section 3.5.7 of the Students' Association By-Laws.</p>					
Recommendation(s)	Information	<input type="checkbox"/>	Discussion	<input type="checkbox"/>	Approval	X
	<p><i>Any member can ask a question by raising their voting card and being recognised by the Chair to speak.</i></p> <p>Student Voice is asked to approve the name change from Black Minority Ethnic Group and Officer to Ethnic Diversity Networking Group and Officer.</p>					
Who have you consulted when developing the paper?	Equality and Diversity Committee Executive Committee Student Voice Team Leader					
Staff/Student Protocol	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	X	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Will any decision approved directly affect the work of staff?	The Chief Executive was consulted with this proposal.					
Should the paper be submitted to any other committee following its consideration/approval at this meeting?	No					
If yes, please state the committee and proposed date of submission.						