

Constitutional Review Committee

Proposed by the USI President

Comhairle Náisiúnta Notes

The motions passed at Comhdháil 2022 (2022 UO 17 and 2022 UO 5) which call for a review of the roles of the Vice President for Postgraduate Affairs and the Regional Vice Presidents respectively.

Comhairle Náisiúnta Also Notes:

The motion 2021 EM (CZN) 5: CETA makes reference to a 2021/2022 Constitutional Review which did not take place.

Comhairle Náisiúnta Believes:

That a constitutional review should not be limited to the examination of the roles of the Coiste Gnó and should aim to examine the democratic processes of the union as a whole, including but not limited to;

- Accountability structures within the union
- The elections process
- The role of the steering committee
- Constitutional interpretation
- Disciplinary processes within the union
- The roles and responsibilities of the Coiste Gnó

Comhairle Náisiúnta Further Believes:

That a constitutional review should aim to gather feedback from a wide range of opinions and should not be limited to members of Comhairle Náisiúnta.

Comhairle Náisiúnta Therefore Mandates:

The Regional Vice-Presidents' to chair focus groups in their respective regions focused on a specific aspect of the USI Constitution open to students and external stakeholders where deemed appropriate by the Regional Vice-President.

Comhairle Náisiúnta Also Mandates:

The USI President to liaise with the NUS-USI President to establish similar focus groups in the NUS-USI Region.

Comhairle Náisiúnta Further Mandates:

The formation of a Constitutional Review Committee to be comprised of the USI President as Chair, the USI Coiste Gnó as ordinary members and two elected representatives from each region. The election will take place at the October Comhairle Náisiúnta in line with the USI process on internal elections. The purpose of the committee will be to examine the minutes from the focus groups and utilise the feedback from the focus groups to develop the necessary referenda and/or schedules to bring to Comhdháil 2023 with a view to updating the USI Constitution.

This motion will lapse following Comhdháil 2023 given the time sensitive nature of the review.