

4. STUDENT FORUM BYELAW



This Byelaw defines the purpose of the Student Forums – what they do and how they work.

GENERAL

1. According to Clause 49 of the Constitution, there shall be a Student Forum.
2. The Student Forum shall have the authority to:
 - 2.1 represent the voice of the students; and
 - 2.2 subject to clause 31.3, set the Policy and refer Policy to Referendums of the Student Members or to a Student Members' meeting (in accordance with the Byelaws).
 - 2.3 The Student Forum exists to provide an inclusive, accessible, and deliberative space for Student Members to discuss issues affecting the student experience, scrutinise the work of the Union's elected officers, and inform the strategic direction and priorities of the Union.

COMPOSITION

3. For any given Student Forum, the Student Members present shall have the power to debate and make decisions via voting or consensus on any business.
4. The Chair of the Student Forum shall be decided by the Executive Committee and shall act impartially, ensuring that all Student Members are able to participate fairly and that debate is conducted respectfully and in accordance with any standing orders or guidance approved by the Governance and Policy Committee.

STATUS OF FULL TIME OFFICERS

5. The Student Forum shall take place once per term. Reasonable steps shall be taken to ensure that Student Forum meetings are accessible and inclusive, including consideration of timing, format, communication, and support for participation.
6. It shall receive reports from
 - 6.1 the Executive Committee; and
 - 6.2 the wider Student Voice Framework E.g. Forums

- 6.3 the Sports Club & Societies Forum Meetings
- 6.4 Any other committee/council meetings that might be relevant.

- 7. Forum members shall be able to ask questions of these reports.
- 8. Forum members may propose policy motions to be considered at the meeting. Members may ask questions and participate in debate. A policy motion shall be passed by a simple majority of those present and eligible to vote. Where a motion is passed, it shall be reviewed by the Governance & Policy Sub-Committee, which shall determine and recommend the appropriate next steps as outlined in the byelaws. The proposer will be kept updated on the next steps.
- 9. Forum members may have the opportunity to propose amendments to submitted proposals, and the forum shall enable a majority vote on both the original proposal and any proposed amendments prior to submission to the Governance and Policy Committee.
- 10. Policy motions must be submitted to the Union 7 days in advance of the forum meeting.
- 11. The Executive Committee and Union Staff, establish a key topic or focus of discussion for each forum.
- 12. The Student Forum may make recommendations arising from its consideration of reports, which shall be recorded and referred to the appropriate body or officer for response or action as appropriate.
- 13. The Student Forum does not have authority to direct the Trustee Board but provides a key mechanism through which student views, priorities, and proposals are formally communicated and considered.
- 14. Forum members may propose a policy to be considered and adopted by the Trustee Board.

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