

## 6. Referenda

### General Rules

- 6.1 Referenda can be called in accordance with the Constitution.
- 6.2 A Referendum shall be the ultimate decision-making method of the Students' Union.
- 6.3 Members may set Policy by Referenda. Policy set by Referenda may overturn Policy set by the Student Council.
- 6.4 A Referendum can follow a Secure Petition of at least 0.5% of members.
- 6.5 A Secure Petition must include a statement of the Petition's aim, names of the signatories, student numbers, course, year of study and email address.
- 6.6 A Secure Petition must be submitted in hard copy to the Union buildings at either Park or Avenue Campus, and must be addressed to the Chair of the Executive Committee.
- 6.7 A Referendum shall also be called if a majority view is not reached during voting on Student Council.
- 6.8 Members shall be asked to vote yes, no or abstain in a cross-campus online vote.
- 6.9 The Democracy and Elections Committee shall convene a Referendum within 3 weeks during term time after receiving the request.
  - 6.9.1 The members of the Democracy and Elections Committee will be posted on the SU website prior to the referendum.
- 6.10 1 weeks' notice must be given prior to the start of a Referendum. Campaigning will be permitted during this week.
- 6.11 The Students' Union shall provide the location for debating the Suggestions in the Union building prior to the start of voting.
- 6.12 The Executive Committee, and SU Management shall determine the level of funding available for the facilitation of each Referendum.
  - 6.12.1 If the Executive Committee are unavailable due to timescale or holiday then the decision will be made on behalf of them by a neutral Sabbatical Officer. If one is not available then the decision has to made as soon as the Executive Committee are available.
  - 6.12.2 Funding may not be used to incite a vote towards a certain side.
- 6.13 Each Referendum shall last 4 working days.
- 6.14 The Returning Officer shall announce the results of Referenda.
- 6.15 A resolution may be passed by Referendum if at least 2.5% members vote, and two thirds of the votes are in favour of the resolution. (In accordance with the Constitution)
- 6.16 A Referendum will be held to decide upon the issue of NUS affiliation at least every 3 academic years.

## 6. Referenda Bye Law

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