

Bye-Law: Policy

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Policy

1. Any member of the students' union is able to submit a policy proposal to Union Council
2. An idea can be submitted no more than once per academic semester
3. Policy initiatives should ordinarily be submitted online
4. Where an Idea could be harmful on the basis of the concepts or wording, the proposer will be contacted by staff. Details on what could be considered harmful will be included in the policy guidance document.
 - 4.1. The smallest possible correction will be suggested, for the proposer to accept or refuse.
 - 4.2. Where a suggestion is refused, the Union Executive will decide if the Idea should go online.
5. Ideas will be put online for students to like or dislike for a period as specified in the policy guidance document.
6. All ideas which receive more than 25 total votes inclusive of likes and dislikes will be put forward to the next meeting of Union Council as a policy proposal.
7. Any idea which receives more dislikes than likes will usually not be discussed or voted upon at Union council and would not become policy.
8. An idea may be fast tracked into becoming Union policy should it receive over 150 votes and more than 2/3 of voters have liked the idea by the end of the time it is online.
 - 8.1. An idea passed this way may be vetoed by a 2/3 majority of the next Union Council meeting
 - 8.2. Any ideas reaching the threshold and not vetoed will be considered as Union policy.
9. All policy shall be assigned to a specific Sabbatical Officer or Council Sub-committee for implementation.
10. Policy shall remain valid for three years after which it will lapse automatically.
 - 10.1. Policy may be revoked by another policy passed by Union Council or Referendum; except that policy passed by referendum cannot be revoked by Union Council and may only be overridden by a referendum.
11. Three months before a policy is due to lapse Union Council will be notified of this fact to allow them to propose that the policy (or a revised version) is readopted for a further three years.