

## 04 – Union Meetings

*To be able to get the views of its members, the Union holds meetings. These can be challenging because they are about a coming together of differing opinions and open and passionate discussions about the way student life should be.*

See also: By-Law 1 Membership and By-Law 2 Decision Making

The **Democracy and Development Officer** shall be the officer with lead interpretation of this Bye-Law except while a meeting is taking place where it shall be the Chair of that meeting.

401 There are three types of Union meetings, Company Law Meetings (described within the Articles of Association), All Student Votes / Referenda and Student Council.

### All Student Votes / Referenda

402 All Student Votes will be conducted in accordance with the All Student Vote timeline as laid out in Union Regulations and shall be open to all Full Members of Warwick SU.

403 There shall be a minimum of three All Student Votes during an academic year on dates to be decided by the Democracy and Development Officer in conjunction with the Chair of Student Council.

404 Submission to an All Student Vote may be made by a petition of 1% of the full members of Warwick SU or by referral from Student Council normally on the recommendation of the relevant Student Executive Committee.

405 The quorum for all motions at an All Student Vote shall be 2% of the full members of Warwick SU.

406 There will be a meeting for all members to debate and discuss all business going to an All Student Vote which will be chaired by the Chair of Student Council. These meetings shall take place prior to voting opening in an All Student Vote and no business may proceed to an All Student Vote without being on the agenda and discussed at the corresponding Meeting. Policy submissions must meet the requirements discussed in Bye-Law 2 Decision Making.

407 Voting in All Student Votes shall take place online, following the Meeting, for a minimum period of 48 hours.

408 The lead speaker for and lead speaker against each motion shall both be given the opportunity to produce written arguments for publication online, prior to the online vote. The Democracy and Development Officer will set the word limits for these motions.

409 Where possible speeches for and against each motion shall be recorded and shown online at the point of voting.

410 Campaigning, Campaign Expenses, the All Student Vote Debate and Objections Procedure will be contained within the Union Regulations.

### **Emergency All Student Vote**

- 411 An emergency All Student Vote will only be called if it deals with an issue which has arisen since the previous All Student Vote and there is good reason why the motion cannot be tabled in a subsequent All Student Vote.
- 412 An emergency All Student Vote can be called by the Board of Trustees and/or the Chair of Student Council at the request of the President or a petition of 1% of the full members.
- 413 The business for which the Emergency All Student Vote is being called must be clearly specified when the vote is taken.
- 414 The agenda for the corresponding Meeting shall be made available at least two working days before the meeting takes place and shall be limited to the business for which the Emergency All Student Vote is being called.
- 415 Otherwise Emergency All Student Votes will follow the procedures for All Student Votes.

### **Student Council**

- 416 The membership of Student Council will be the Sabbatical Officers, the Chairs of each Student Executive Committee, all the Liberation & Diversity Officers, the Ethics & Environment Officer and the Chair and Deputy Chair of Student Council.
- 417 Student Council meetings will take place a minimum of five times during an academic year on dates to be agreed by the Democracy and Development Officer and the Chair of Student Council. The Democracy Exec will act as the Steering Group for Student Council and All Student Votes.
- 418 The purpose of Student Council shall include
- a) Co-option of Part-Time Officers and Student Executive Committee positions unfilled after an Election (see Bye-Law 6 Elections and Union Regulations).
  - b) Presentations on Union Finance and Union Strategy.
  - c) Approval of Associate Memberships to the Union, Sports Clubs, and Societies.
  - d) Appointment of Honorary Life Members of the Union.
  - e) Renewal, amendments and lapses of Union Policy
  - f) Amendments to Union Procedures and Principles, Union Policy, Union By-Laws, and Union Regulations.
  - g) Referral of business to All Student Votes.
  - h) Approval of the membership of the Elections Adjudications Panel.
  - i) Approval of Sabbatical and Part-Time Officer Job Descriptions.
  - j) Submission of motions to affiliated organisations.
  - k) Removal of directly elected Student Executive Committee members.
  - l) Questions to Officers and Trustees.
  - m) Updates from Officers and Student Executive Committees.
  - n) Receive recommendations from Student Executive Committees on relevant motions.
  - o) Pass emergency motions (to be ratified at the subsequent All Student Vote).
  - p) Action the work of Officers within the confines of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, By-Laws, Union Regulations and Union Policy.
  - q) The approval of Union Trustees.

- 419 Super Council may also discuss the following. Its membership shall be the same as Student Council plus all student officers and Exec Committee members.
- a) The election of the Chair and Deputy Chair of Student Council.
  - b) Motions of no confidence in Union Officers and the Board of Trustees.
- 420 The quorum for Student Council meetings shall be 50% plus one of the voting members.
- 421 Any member of Student Council may freely and anonymously move any agenda item deemed 'For Approval without discussion' at any point during the meeting.
- 422 In the case of Student Council voting on emergency policy in between All Student Votes, the meeting must be quorate and two thirds of votes, excluding abstentions, must vote in favour of the motion for it to be carried. This will become acting Union Policy to be ratified at the next All Student Vote.
- 423 Student Council may from time to time:
- a) Delegate any of its powers to a specified Officer, Student Executive Committee, or Working Group.
  - b) Nominate representatives to serve on bodies outside Warwick SU, who shall be mandated to represent Warwick SU policy.
- 424 Outside of the undergraduate academic year, the powers of Student Council shall fall to the Officer Trustees. Any decision taken must be ratified at the first meeting of Student Council after the start of the next term.