

Proposer: Aaron Caulfield
Seconder: Imogen Robertson
Date: 02/11/2022



Motion Title: Students Representation Reform

Motion Resolves:

That the 'Effective Union Representation (as amended)' motion be amended as follows:

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To repeal the “Union Officer Neutrality” and replace this with the following:

1. That the Union shall continue to campaign as its members democratically and representatively instruct it to do so, as defined in the organisation's constitution, and
2. That the Union shall seek to provide legal observers at demonstrations when feasible, and that information pertaining to the rights of protesters will be made available to students, either in print, online or by the provisions of skills sessions in order to promote safe and lawful demonstrations.
3. In cases where political decisions falling out with the Union Core Policy are important to the student body, or where a number of students no less than 15 ask the Union for comment - or any of the media societies within this Union do likewise - the Union will launch online consultations (with a duration of 48 hours and beginning within no less than 6 hours) known as 'Quickfire Policy' to assess student opinions, and then use results as a basis to make comments in a timely manner.
4. The consultation must be responded to by the same number as the quorum for a General Meeting for the subject to be taken forward and comment made by the Union.
6. For the purposes of these clauses, the following interpretations should be used
 - a) a 'Media Society' is a society in which it's primary or majority purpose is for the purpose of promoting journalism in print, video, or in the production of radio, podcasts or other online media
 - b) 'feasible' should be read as wherever practicable

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That this motion be adopted.

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Motion Notes:

That despite well meaning, and well intentioned, the motion passed entitled 'Effective Union Representation' on the 6th of February 2020 has failed to improve the representation of the political views of the student body by this Union.

That the 'quickfire consultations' specified within the motion have not occurred in a significant number, nor did the motion specify a set of conditions upon which one must occur.

Motion Believes:

That reform to the provisions of the prior motion may perhaps give it its original intended effect.