ABERYSTWYTH STUDENT'S UNION

October 2024 SENEDD

Agenda

Welcome

1. Welcome and Apologies for any Absences.
2. Introductions.
3. Electing a Deputy Chair.
4. [Officer Report.](#)

Lapsing Policy (For Information)

- Assignment Grace Period and Penalties
- Got Proof
- Pissed about pissed re-sits
- Become a part of race alliance Wales
- Improve Welsh Language Provision in modules (November)
- Dragon Mc -What now?? (November)
- Stopping Spiking and Supporting Survivors (November)

Ideas

- Amendments to the All Student Vote Bye-Law
- Idea one: Zero Tolerance Stance on Discrimination, Sexual Harassment and Assault
- Idea Two: We as Students' Want Redeveloped Sports Facilities (Revised)

End of meeting comments

5. Any other Business.
6. End of meeting.

Schedule 1.4
All Student Vote & Motions of No Confidence

Introduction

1. All Student Vote & Motions of No Confidence

1.1 An All Student Vote may be called to determine any issue.

2. Motion of No Confidence

2.1 In a Trustee:
In accordance with the Constitution (clause 62), to pass a Motion of no confidence in a Trustee, a quorum of 500 Members will be required to validate the All Student Vote and a simple majority will be required for the motion to be approved.
2.2 In a Full-time or Volunteer Officer:
To pass a Motion of no confidence in a Full-time or Volunteer Officer, a quorum of 500 Members will be required to validate the All Student Vote and a simple majority will be required for the motion to be approved.

2.1 In a Trustee (including Full Time Officers):
In accordance with the Constitution (clause 62),The office of a Trustee shall be vacated if a motion of no confidence in the Trustee is passed by a simple majority of Ordinary Members voting in an All Student Vote, provided that at least 500 Ordinary Members cast a vote in the All Student Vote. Such a motion shall only be triggered by a Secure Petition of no confidence (including name, student number and university email) signed by at least 250 Ordinary Members.

2.2 Volunteer Officer elected in a cross Campus ballot:
The office of a Volunteer Officer shall be vacated if a motion of no confidence in the Officer is passed by a simple majority of Ordinary Members voting in an All Student Vote, provided that at least 500 Ordinary Members cast a vote in the All Student Vote. Such a motion shall only be triggered by a Secure Petition of no confidence (including name, student number and university email) signed by at least 250 Ordinary Members.

2.3 Volunteer Officer elected by restricted eligibility :
Where a volunteer Officer is elected by a restricted eligibility of voters (as outlined in the elections Bye-Law), the office of a Volunteer Officer shall be vacated if a motion of no confidence in the Officer is passed by a simple majority of eligible Ordinary Members, provided that at least 620% of eligible Ordinary Members cast a vote. Such a motion shall only be triggered by a Secure Petition of no confidence (including name, student number and university email) signed by at least 320% or 250 eligible Ordinary Members (whichever is smallest). Eligibility numbers will be calculated using the latest available University data or national statistical data if University data is not available

2.4: Student Group Committee member
The office of a Student Group Committee Member shall be vacated if a motion of no confidence is passed by a simple majority of Student Members of the relevant group voting in a Student Group

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Vote, provided that at least 30% of student group members cast a vote. Such a motion shall only be triggered by a Secure Petition of no confidence (including name, student number and university email) signed by 20% of the membership of that group.

2.5: Academic Representative
The office of Academic Representative shall be vacated if a motion of no confidence is passed by a simple majority of students that they represent voting in an all class vote, provided that at least 30% of relevant students cast a vote. Such a motion shall only be triggered by a Secure Petition of no confidence (including name, student number and university email) signed by 20% of the students that they represent.

3. Policy

3.1 In accordance with the Constitution (clause 45) to agree policy referred to All Student Vote by the Board of Trustees, Union Executive, Assembly Meeting, Annual General Meeting or secure petition, a quorum of 500 Members will be required to validate the All Student Vote and simple majority of those Members voting.

4. Responsibilities

4.1 The Returning Officer, or their Deputy, both appointed in accordance with the by-law on elections, shall be responsible for the good conduct and administration of an All Student Vote when instructed as detailed in Constitution (clauses 44-47).

5. Publication

5.1 The Chair will publicise that an All Student Vote has been called for and details of the reason why at the next Senedd meeting.
5.2 The All Student Vote shall be arranged in accordance with the following timetable, the exact dates of which to be determined by the Deputy Returning Officer:

   a.   Publish the proposal, date(s) for the All Student Vote and date of a meeting, open to all Members, to explain and debate the issues, which shall be held no later than the commencement of polling.
   b.   If the issue is to be contested the meeting shall nominate two agents who will be responsible for running the "Yes" vote campaign and the "No" vote campaign. Each agent shall be given a publicity allowance paid for by AberSU of an amount equivalent to the agreed allowance for officer trustee elections.
   c.   Publish the proposal and the question to be asked and further advertise dates of polling.

6. Voting

6.1 All Ordinary Members shall be eligible to vote in All Student Votes on Policy or in motions of no confidence relating to students elected by Cross Campus Ballot.
6.2. In votes of no confidence for roles elected with restricted eligibility the following will be eligible to vote:

   a)   Volunteer Officer elected by restricted eligibility: In the case of positions which represent students from specific liberation groups and sections of the student body, the Union may

limit voting to those who self-identify with said liberation group or who are within a particular section.

b) Student Group Committees: All student members of a particular student group (including Clubs and Societies)

c) Academic Representation: All students represented by a particular Academic Representative

6.2 3 Details of the elections and voting process shall be published through the AberSU Students' Union website, and elsewhere as determined by the Deputy Returning Officer.

6.3 4 Polling will normally be electronic.

6.4 5 The voting options should allow Members to vote in favour, against or abstain for each proposal.

7. Declaration

7.1 Results of the any All Student Vote or Vote of No Confidence shall be declared by the Returning Officer when the count for each has been successfully completed.

7.2 Results of the any All Student Vote or Vote of No Confidence shall be posted on the Union website within one working day of the count.

Zero Tolerance Stance on Discrimination, Sexual Harassment and Assault

Officer Responsible: Wellbeing

Submitted by: Emily (Mo) Morgan

Summary:

For "Undeb Aber to be committed to prioritizing student's wellbeing by enforcing a zero-tolerance policy against any discriminative or inappropriate behaviour including sexual harassment, assault and bullying"

Details:

"Almost two thirds (62%) of students and graduates have experienced sexual violence at UK universities and only 2% of those experiencing sexual violence felt both able to report it to their university and were satisfied with the reporting process (Revolt Sexual Assault & Student Room Survey)".

There is an evident problem within student communities.

This problem necessitated a large amount work last year that has been striving towards combating issues around consent and sexual violence. Examples of this include: developing guidance for clubs and socs by editing the code of conduct, reintroducing the 'No excuses' campaign and working with the University to develop the sexual violence and misconduct policy (to be released during the 2024/2025 academic year). Following this work it seems entirely appropriate that the Undeb should have a stance, a policy around pledging to combat discrimination and sexual harassment. The Undeb have a strong existing relationship with Student Services who run Report and Support and who have restructured on campus services to integrate an SVLO (Sexual Violence Liaison Office) system. The provision is currently in place and continues to improve, introducing this stance allows the Undeb to work as an inclusive community to combat this problem through creating a space where students can safely discuss their experiences which is essential for their wellbeing and future at the University. A statement against misogyny was released on International Women's Day, this stance becoming policy simply ensures that the officers maintain a zero-tolerance stance at the forefront of all of their work for the next 3 years.

Reference:

Revolt Sexual Assault & The Student Room. (2018). Report: Students' Experience of Sexual Violence. Retrieved from https://revoltsexualassault.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Report-Sexual-Violence-at-University-Revolt-Sexual-Assault-The-Student-Room-March-2018.pdf

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The Students' Union Should Support Any Redevelopment of The Sports Facilities In The Years To Come. As Their First Priority One. (Revised)

Officer Responsible: Opportunities Officer

Submitted by: Tiff McWilliams

Summary:

The Students' Union should support any redevelopments of sporting facilities in the upcoming years. As a number one priority.

Details:

Original Lapsing Policy:

In the past, we have seen redevelopment of Accommodation blocks, Lecture halls and research campuses. (Fferm Penglais 2015, Pantycelyn 2020; HO C22 2019; AIEC 2020 ongoing).

The one thing Aberystwyth University is lacking is adequate sporting facilities for all of our Union Sports Clubs and students. Whether this be for a team sport or for individual use.

The sports centre and hall are not fit for purpose for our current student body, the impact of covid has made this apparent. The sports centre building was the 2nd building that was ever built here on Penglais and is incredibly outdated for its purpose. It is now 60 years old. Credit is due to the Sports Centre staff team for maximising the output they get from their facilities. But we believe now the time has come to invest money in to developing sports facilities that are fit for our ever-active student body.

Submitted By: Bruce Fraser Wight

Updated Policy:

Often at university, sport is not seen as a priority. Especially considering that large parts of the campus are in need of renovation. With the new Vice-Chancellor, and the latest executive team, now is the opportunity to emphasize the importance of having our sports and facilities on an equal standard with other competing universities. The university has invested some money in the Arts Centre, and was able to build the Sports Dome. However, investment in the gym does not make up for a lack of investment in sports facilities.

• We still don't have a hockey field.
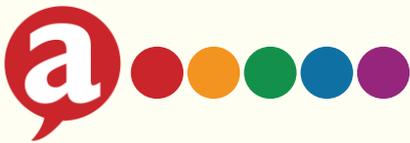
• The swimming pool has been the same for 80 years and is not big enough for BUCS.

• There are holes in the walls of the squash court.

• Mold is a big problem in the Sports Cage

• The tennis courts are in dire need of repair

• The running route only has two lanes, far from being sufficient for people to compete

• We do not have facilities for athletic field activity.

• The 3G is not big enough either with the extras needed for BUCS (eg a stage).

The University has an impossible plan for the sports facilities and the Opportunities Officer must start working on this now and for the foreseeable future to ensure that the facilities are available to meet the training and competition needs of our incredible and diverse number. of sports clubs.

View the original Termination Policy