

University of Cumbria Students' Union

Bye-Law 7: Student Council

1. Membership

- 1.1. Student Council shall be made up of:
 - i) All registered Student Academic Representatives.
 - ii) The Chair
- 1.2. To be eligible to sit on Student Council, Student Academic Representatives must be recognised by the Union and University as the designated representative for their cohort.

2. Purpose

- 2.1. Student Council may set Union Policy and/or approve students' Ideas as delegated to them by the Executive Committee.
- 2.2. Student Council may amend the Union's Bye-Laws and Code of Conduct.
- 2.3. Student Council may hold the Executive Committee to account and vote on motions of no-confidence as appropriate.

3. Chair

- 3.1. The Academic Officer shall act as Chair of Student Council.

4. Arrangements for Meetings

- 4.1. Meetings of Student Council will be held on an ad-hoc basis.
- 4.2. Meetings will be held on a digital platform accessible to all members of Student Council.
- 4.3. Meetings will be open for a defined period of time set by the Chair.

5. Arrangement for Voting

- 5.1. All votes will take place on a digital platform accessible to all members of Student Council.
- 5.2. All votes will be overseen by the Chair with support from a duly appointed neutral official.
- 5.3. All members of Student Council will be eligible to vote on behalf of their cohort.
- 5.4. Notice of any upcoming votes will be circulated to all members of Student Council two working weeks before the votes is opened.

- 5.5. Voting will be open for a minimum of 24 hours and may be extended at the discretion of the Chair.

6. Approval of Ideas

- 6.1. For an Idea to pass Student Council, it must:
- i) surpass a quoracy of 5%,
 - ii) receive a simple majority, 50%+1 of votes cast,
 - iii) surpass a quoracy of 5% of Student Academic Representatives based on each main campus location,
 - iv) receive a simple majority, 50%+1 of votes cast by Student Academic Representatives based on each main campus location.
- 6.2. Quoracy will be set at the total number of registered Student Academic Representatives at the opening of the vote.

7. Announcement of Results

- 7.1. Results of all votes will be announced on a digital platform accessible to all members of Student Council. Results will then be made accessible to all members of the Union.