

University of Cumbria Students' Union

Bye-Law 8: Ideas & Policy

1. Submission

- 1.1. All full members of the Union may submit an Idea.
- 1.2. Associate Members, Honorary Members, and students who have opted out of membership of the Union are not permitted to submit an Idea.
- 1.3. All eligible members wishing to submit an Idea must complete the official Ideas form.

2. Publication

- 2.1. All Ideas will be considered by a duly appointed, neutral official to ascertain if it upholds the purpose, vision, and values of the Union. Those Ideas not considered appropriate shall not be approved for publication.

3. Support

- 3.1. Once published, all full members of the Union may support an Idea.
- 3.2. Associate Members, Honorary Members, and students who have opted out of membership of the Union are not permitted to support an Idea.
- 3.3. All eligible members wishing to submit an Idea must provide their support via the official Ideas platform.

4. Consideration

- 4.1. Ideas that receive support from 25 eligible members will be considered at the next possible opportunity by Executive Committee.
- 4.2. Executive Committee may:
 - i) Action the Idea with immediate effect
 - ii) Delegate the decision to a committee of students. The limits of eligibility for participation within the decision should be clearly defined. A committee can refer to any group of representatives or students, including but not limited to:
 - a) Liberation Networks
 - b) Student Groups
 - iii) Delegate the decision to Student Council.
 - iv) Delegate the decision to a section of Student Council. The limits of eligibility for participation within the decision should be clearly defined and be in accordance with Bye-Law 7: Student Council.
 - v) Call an all-student Referendum.

- vi) Call a Referendum within a section of the student population. . The limits of eligibility for participation within the referendum should be clearly defined and be in accordance with Bye-Law 9: Referendums.

- 4.3. The outcomes of any decisions made by Executive Committee must be recorded and made accessible to all members in a timely manner.

5. Policy

- 5.1. Once approved, all Ideas regardless of the procedures detailed in clause 4.2 become Union policy.
- 5.2. Once approved, all Union policies shall be made accessible to all members.
- 5.3. All Union policies lapse 3 years after the date of approval. For policy approved by a vote or Referendum, the date of approval is set at the announcement of results.
- 5.4. Once lapsed, policies shall be considered by Executive Committee. They may decide to let the policy fall or seek re-approval for the policy via any of the procedures detailed in clause 4.2.