

**1821 NUS lead delegate – let's improve our democracy** passed 3  
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Proposer: Connor Rand (Undergraduate Education Officer)  
Second: Chris Jarvis (Campaigns and Democracy Officer)

**Union Notes**

1. Each year the National Union of Students holds its annual democratic conference.
2. Like every other union we get to send a delegation of students, the bulk of which is elected by cross-campus ballot.
3. Under NUS' rules one delegate is allowed to be appointed by a Union as the "Delegation leader".
4. Most unions use this to send their President.
5. UEA doesn't have an SU President.
6. UEASU by law 15 states that "One Full-Time Officer, appointed by the Management Committee, may be appointed to the position of lead delegate for NUS National Conference".
7. In 2013 and 2014 this power was delegated to the Student Officer Committee for wider input and involvement.
8. In 2015 Management Committee decided not to do this.
9. Thus the practical application of the current constitutional position has been mixed.

**Union Believes**

1. Students consistently tell us that they want a more open, transparent and democratic Union and we should be as democratic as possible.
2. That five people deciding who leads our delegation to conference to represent our 15,000 students is profoundly undemocratic.
3. That any member, with appropriate support, can lead our delegation to NUS National Conference and we should be empowering students to play a greater role in both our Union and our national movement.

**Union Resolves**

1. To mandate the proposer and the Campaigns and Democracy Officer to convene a meeting with current members of the Democratic Procedures Committee to consider alternative ways of electing an NUS lead delegate that is consistent with the above beliefs. The meeting will consider the positives and negatives of several options and bring its conclusions to a meeting of Union Council before the end of the academic year.