



UBU Student Council

9 May 2013

Motion name: Move NUS elections forward

UBU Notes

1. UBU currently pays a subscription fee of 50k to belong to NUS
2. NUS Conference is a vital part of our affiliation to NUS as it is where policy gets passed which affects the individual workings of our union
3. NUS delegate elections tend to be dominated by current sabbatical officers, candidates running for full time and part time union positions, giving them an unfair advantage
4. It is difficult for UBU to submit policy before it knows who it's delegates will be & our elections happen after the deadline for policy submissions has passed.
5. Often controversial motions are discussed at conference, and delegates have not had a chance to speak to other students or student council on how they should best vote in line with UBU policy.

UBU Believes

1. By moving NUS elections to the first term, this will enable more people to hear about NUS delegate elections in their own right, and not be overshadowed by FTO elections
2. Delegates will be able to discuss and submit policy to conference if they so wish
3. Delegates will have the opportunity to discuss policy with the student body beforehand, and if necessary student council can provide a mandate on how to vote.

UBU resolves

1. To move elections for NUS National Conference forward to the first term.



UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL
STUDENTS' UNION

Queens Road, Clifton, Bristol BS8 1LN
Tel (0117) 954 5800 • Fax (0117) 954 5817

www.UBU.org.uk

Proposer: Ellie Williams