

STUDENT JURIES BYE LAW

This Bye-Law describes the Student Jury system and their functioning.

1. STUDENT JURY

- 1.1. Student Juries (as described in the Memorandum and Articles of Association - Article 46) shall serve to

“represent the voice of the Students on policy matters. Subject to Article [28.3], set the Policy of the Union or, refer Policy to preferendum of the Members (in accordance with the Bye-Laws); receive and scrutinise reports from the Executive Committee on policy implementation; receive and scrutinise reports from the Full Time Officers’ progress against any mandates and manifesto pledges.”
- 1.2. Student Juries have no standing membership; instead each meeting is formed by semi-random selection of members which shall reflect the wider member demography as much is possible. This selection will occur anew each time a Student Jury is called.
- 1.3. The demographic make-up for Student Juries will be agreed by the Executive on an annual basis.
- 1.4. Juries shall be comprised of no more than 18 members. In order to attain quoracy, 12 of the selected members must be present.
- 1.5. Student Juries discuss and decide on business received from the Executive Committee, which shall include uncontentious policy passed by the Executive to note.
- 1.6. Student Jury meetings shall be minuted, these minutes shall be published in a place accessible to the membership and shall include key reasoning on decisions.

2. STUDENT JURY DECISION MAKING

- 2.1. Each session shall be preceded by a short briefing containing information on how Student Juries operate.
- 2.2. Student Juries shall deliberate each policy item referred to them by the Executive. All jury members shall have the opportunity to make contributions in an effort to come to consensus.
- 2.3. In order for deliberation to be fair and directed, there shall be a facilitator for the jury.

- 2.4. Where the policy matter at hand has been determined through Equality Impact Assessment directly concerns a liberation group, that student group will be able to present evidence to the jury.
- 2.5. Student Juries can take the following decisions:
 - 2.5.1. Approve business by consensus vote
 - 2.5.2. Send an item to Preferenda
 - 2.5.3. Reject a policy item and return it to the Executive Committee or proposer/relevant student group..
- 2.6. Student Juries shall vote using secret ballot, with a 2/3 majority being required to make a decision.
- 2.7. If a Jury is reaches a majority opinion, but not consensus, the policy will be put to the next Union Preferenda