

SRC Policies

18/19

This document contains a Student Policy that has been passed by the Student Representative Council in the 18/19 academic year.

In line with *Schedule 3: Student Representative Council*;

- this Policy may be referred to the Trustee Board at any time, who may override any decision or Policy made by the Student Representative Council.
- these Policy shall automatically lapse at the first Student Representative Council meeting in the 19/20 academic year.
- after steps have been carried out to implement this policy, any officer may make the case to Student Representative Council that any aspect of the policy be revoked.
- the process of how policies can be created is set out in the Student Voice handbook.

Opposition to Abertay Course Cuts

Passed SRC #1, 15th October 2018

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SRC Notes

1. Abertay University's decision to progressively cut eight courses from its portfolio, as well as its suggestion to cut a further four.
2. That a lot of weight has been given to the NSS and intake data when taking the decision to close these courses.
3. The University's position that ongoing students on the affected courses will not be affected by these closures overlooks many issues, many of which will certainly affect students who have yet to graduate on these courses.
4. The decision to close these courses went so far under the radar that some of them were still being advertised on promotional material for the university's open day on Saturday 6th October.

SRC Believes

1. The academic portfolio review has not been conducted with sufficient inclusion of staff, students and the students' association, and that it was almost hidden to all of the former.
2. That any future discussions and decisions regarding closure or reduction of courses should involve in-depth discussion with staff, students, student representatives and the students' association.
3. That other courses of action have not been explored with regards to these courses being cut.
4. The decision has been taken primarily with NSS scores and university league tables in mind, with no thought given on how to expand the university's offer going forward.

SRC Resolves

1. SRC resolves to oppose the cuts of all the below courses; BA (Hons) Management and the Games Industry, BA (Hons) Sound and Music for Games, BSc (Hons) Psychology and Forensic Biology, BSc (Hons) Psychology and Human Resource Management, BSc (Hons) Sport and Psychology, MSc/PGDip Food and Drink Innovation, MSc/PGDip Mental Health Nursing & MSc/PGDip Mental Health, MSc/PGDip Psychology
2. SRC resolves to oppose the suggested cuts and changes to the following courses still under review; MEng/BEng (Hons) Civil and Environmental Engineering, BSc (Hons) Environmental Science and Technology, BSc (Hons) Forensic Sciences, MSc/PGDip International Human Resource Management
3. SRC resolves to stand in solidarity with all Abertay lecturers, academics and staff who will be affected by the course cuts.