

Standing Order B: Policy

Definition

1. Policy shall be a statement of the political and representational will or beliefs of the Union, and shall be binding upon all Officers and bodies of the Union.
2. No policy may contradict the Articles of Association or these Standing Orders.
3. Governance and Grants Committee shall keep a record of all policy.
4. Subject to the law, policies may be approved on any matter not explicitly forbidden by the Articles of Association.

Creation

5. Any policy motion passed by one or more of these bodies shall constitute policy:
 - 5.1. Referendum
 - 5.2. General Members Meetings
 - 5.3. Board of Trustees
 - 5.4. Assembly
 - 5.5. Committees
6. The order of precedence on matters of policy shall be as defined above, subject to the provision of the Articles of Association.

Assignment

7. Responsibility for implementation of a policy may be assigned to a committee or an Officer or any combination of committees and Officers.
8. Assembly may re-assign responsibility for implementation of any policy to a committee or an Officer or any combination of committees and Officers.

Alteration

9. Governance and Grants Committee shall advise Assembly on the removal of any policy or section of policy that has become redundant or for which the implementation has been fully completed.
10. Anybody may alter or remove existing policies by the passing of a motion by simple majority, provided that it does not:
 - 10.1. Alter or remove a policy passed by a body of greater precedence within the current or immediate previous Academic Year, or;
 - 10.2. alter or remove a policy passed by itself within the current or immediate previous Academic Year except where a request is received from a number of

voting members of that body which is equal to or greater than the quorum figure for that body

11. If a body passes a policy which conflicts with an existing policy, the earlier policy shall be removed, provided that Governance and Grants Committee makes Assembly aware of this conflict at the time the policy is presented to Assembly.

Renewal

12. Governance and Grants Committee shall present current policies of the Union for review at the second Assembly meeting in the second Academic Year after the policies' adoption or most recent renewal.
13. Assembly shall renew or remove the policy or refer the policy to an Officer or committee for discussion.
14. Any policy which is renewed shall be considered to have been approved as policy on the date of renewal.
15. Any policy which is not renewed or referred elsewhere shall immediately lapse.
16. Any policy which is referred to an Officer or committee and not renewed or amended before the end of the next academic term shall immediately lapse.