

Policy Submission Process

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In their own words, any student can submit an idea to be voted on at Student Council. The idea takes the form of a question e.g. "Should bottled water be banned on campus?" Students then detail what the idea is about (i.e. a short description) a brief word on why they have proposed it and a description of the impact it will have.

We suggest that any motion submission is under 400 words.

For Council, the motions should be emailed to the clerk of Student Council via email at b.coales@qmul.ac.uk

The idea will then be voted on at Student Council.

Format

Should the Union set up a 5p Green Fund?

Proposed by: Will Mantzalos

Seconded by: Miranda Hussain

What do you want?

The Village Shop and Infusion currently charges 5p for plastic bags. I want the money generated from the sale of these bags to go into a Union Green Fund. This fund should allocate money to student-led environmental and/or ethical projects.

Why do you want it?

I think the Union should be launching lots of environmental and ethical projects. Students should be able to get funding from the Union to work on such projects as it is in line with the strategic plan.

What impact will this have?

This will help the Union achieve a Green Impact award and make sure students are supported financially in delivering environmental and ethical projects

The proposer will have to attend council to talk for a few minutes to explain the idea, any student can attend to debate the idea, and student council members will vote on the idea.

If it is approved, the Union will work to make it happen. Rejected ideas cannot be submitted again within the same academic year. The proposer can get involved in every step of the way, right through to the implementation of the idea.

Student Council policy is noted by the Trustee Board, but will only be commented on if the policy would cause reputational, financial or legal risk to the Union.

QMSU Bye-law Amendment Process

The format for submitting a bye-law amendment asks you to remove and/or add words to the bye-law text, the current full text of which can be [found here](#).

Format

Should the Union Amend Bye-Law 3: Annual Members' Meeting?

Proposer: Carolina Black (Treasurer of the Young Purples Society)

Seconded: Imran Atkins (Vice President Welfare)

Why do you want the Union to change this Bye-Law?

This year the Annual Members' Meeting didn't make quorum on time. I want to edit the Bye-Laws to be more flexible so that students are given more time to arrive at the meeting meaning it's more likely to reach quorum.

What changes do you want to make?

Delete:

2.3.2 For a meeting to start there must be quorum within fifteen minutes of the time stated on the agenda.

Insert:

2.3.2 For a meeting to start there must be quorum within thirty minutes of the time stated on the agenda.

Delete:

2.3.3 If a meeting loses quorum and quorum is not present within ten minutes the Chair shall close the meeting.

Insert:

2.3.3 If a meeting loses quorum and quorum is not present within fifteen minutes the Chair shall close the meeting.

Bye-laws can only be changed with the agreement of both Student Council and the Board of Trustees, as they govern the function of the Union.

Because of this we strongly advise that students who want to change bye-laws do so with the input of Executive Officers and relevant staff within the Union.

If you'd like to know more about changing bye-laws, or want to submit a bye-law change, please email the Clerk of Student Council at b.coales@qmul.ac.uk