**POLICY LAPSE 2022**

**Recommendations of the Campaigns & Democracy Officer**

Each year, we have a clean-up of all the policies that have been passed over the last two academic years.

Policies automatically lapse unless Union Council votes to keep them.

In accordance with the bye-laws, Council has to revaluate our policies every two years.

We have gone through the policies from the academic year 2020/21 which are now due to lapse.

All the policies due to lapse are included in this document. I have given a short description of each of the policies and reasons for my recommendations.

Please have a look through these and have a think about what your constituents would wish to have lapse, readopted as policy, or set as policy precedent.

If you find any policies that you think we should debate that are different to my recommendations, please let the Chair know and they will be considered and voted on separately.

If you have any questions drop me an email s.shibli-sexton@uea.ac.uk.

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| Colour code for the recommendations | What the recommendations means |
|  | Keep the policy |
|  | Lapse (get rid of) the policy |
|  | Policy precedent |
|  | Debate the policy |

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| |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Title | What the policy is about | Reason for recommendation | | [Amendment to the Bye-Laws – Creating EDICt, a new Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee](https://www.ueasu.org/pageassets/democracy/unionpolicy/2301.pdf) | Creates a EDICt committee within the SU governance structure | Good idea but hasn’t been implemented and SU should continue to work on creating this space | | [Adoption of Option A as our new Democratic Structure](https://www.ueasu.org/pageassets/democracy/unioncouncil/councildocumentsandnotices/UC-Agenda-29-OCT-20-1.pdf) | Provides a model for the new democratic structure which will be implemented in the democracy review | Hasn’t happened because of Covid delays and work on the democracy review is still ongoing | | [Divest Barclays SU Motion](https://www.ueasu.org/pageassets/democracy/unioncouncil/councildocumentsandnotices/UC-Agenda-29-OCT-20-1.pdf) | Commits the SU to lobbying against banking with and investments in Barclays bank | Ongoing campaign | | [Developing Teaching Skills Programme](https://www.ueasu.org/pageassets/democracy/unionpolicy/2338.pdf) | Commits SU to lobbying University to retain the DTS programme | Still relevant | | [Amendment to Bye-Law 4 – Introduction of a Disability Officer (Open Place) PTO for 2021-22 and mandate for review](https://www.ueasu.org/pageassets/democracy/unioncouncil/councildocumentsandnotices/union-council-agenda-April-2021.2.pdf) | Introduces an additional Disability Officer PTO on the Student Officer Committee | Some resolves are not yet complete | |

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| [Keep SU policy in University outlets](https://www.ueasu.org/pageassets/democracy/unionpolicy/Keep-SU-policy-in-University-outlets-.pdf) | Commits SU to lobbying University to retain SU policy in their outlets on campus | Although the SU doesn’t own the shop anymore, this is a good principle and will help guide future decisions |
| [Change protected places on Postgraduate Committee to reflect student diversity](https://www.ueasu.org/pageassets/democracy/unioncouncil/councildocumentsandnotices/UC-Agenda-29-OCT-20-1.pdf) | Changes ‘women+’ terminology in reserved spaces to be more specific and inclusive of trans students | Has been implemented but the believes are still useful as precedent |
| [What’s really on the menu](https://www.ueasu.org/pageassets/democracy/unioncouncil/councildocumentsandnotices/UC-Agenda-28-Jan21.pdf) | Commits SU to lobbying for food allergy labelling in all SU and University food outlets | Believes are still relevant and Uni should still be encouraged to provide clear labelling |

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| [No to Endorsement Culture](https://www.ueasu.org/pageassets/democracy/unionpolicy/No-to-Endorsement-Culture.pdf) | Student Officers will be exempt from self-endorsement if they choose to re-stand for election | Implemented |
| [Save our PGR space](https://www.ueasu.org/pageassets/democracy/unioncouncil/councildocumentsandnotices/Motion-to-save-our-PGR-space.pdf) | Commits the SU to protecting PGR spaces during a relocation programme in the University | Implemented |
| [Refund the tuition fee](https://www.ueasu.org/pageassets/democracy/unioncouncil/councildocumentsandnotices/UC-Agenda-28-Jan21.pdf) | Mandates SU officers to lobby for tuition fee refunds as a result of Covid | Out of date |
| [Student Rent & COVID: A Campaign Approach](https://www.ueasu.org/pageassets/democracy/unioncouncil/councildocumentsandnotices/UC-Agenda-28-Jan21.pdf) | Mandates SU officers to lobby for rent refunds as a result of Covid measures | Out of date |
| [Travel policy motion](https://www.ueasu.org/pageassets/democracy/unioncouncil/councildocumentsandnotices/UC-Agenda-28-Jan21.pdf) | Commits the SU to lobbying for an environmentally friendly travel policy in the University | Implemented |
| [The Need for a Strategic Plan](https://www.ueasu.org/pageassets/democracy/unioncouncil/councildocumentsandnotices/union-council-March-2021.pdf) | Commits the SU to writing a strategic plan | Resolve 1 is complete and Resolve 2 is out of date |

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| [Providing Benefit Information to Students](https://www.ueasu.org/pageassets/democracy/unionpolicy/2303.pdf) | SU Advice Centre to provide up to date information about benefits to students | Unsure if still relevant |
| [Emergency Resolution: Limousines and Go-Pro Cameras!? Condemn the UEA Executive Team for their Abuse of Expenses](https://www.ueasu.org/pageassets/democracy/unionpolicy/Emergency-resolution-limousines-and-GoPro-cameras-2333.pdf) | Condemns the UEA Executive Team for their use of expenses | Unsure if still relevant as policy |