



UNION POLICY (GENERAL MEETING – (20.10.10))

WINNING FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: REPRESENTATION

THIS UNION NOTES

1. That B.2 (Membership) of Schedule B (Council Composition and Duties) of the Constitution can be amended with a two-thirds majority at a General Meeting.
2. There are no representative positions for international students on Council.
3. There is only one representative position for international students, which is a part-time Executive role.
4. The International Students' Officer is expected to represent international students interests on a wide range of issues including pre-induction/induction planning, teaching & learning, integration, engagement, outside lectures experience, welfare, national societies and skills development and employability.
5. There are over 10,000 International students in the University of Manchester, which is too large a group for one part-time officer without other supports.
6. International students represent 25% of the University but are under-represented in the Union.

THIS UNION BELIEVES

1. International students are an important part of the University and having proper representation of international students is vital.
2. Introducing International General Members on Council will give international students better representation, and have their voices heard.
3. These reforms will ensure they are truly representative of international students by only allowing international students (EU and non-EU) to vote for them.

THIS UNION RESOLVES

1. To Add:
B.2.7 International General Members

There shall be a block of four positions reserved for International Members. Only International Members (EU and non-EU) will be eligible to vote for and hold office in these positions. They shall represent international students interests and support the International Students' Officer.
2. This shall take effect at the next cross-campus elections.
3. To mandate the General Secretary and Academic Affairs Officer to liaise with the University and identify University committees where having an international students perspective will be valuable.