

Bangor University Students' Union (Undeb Bangor) Articles of Association: Bye-Laws

Bye-Law 3 – Referenda

This Bye-Law is the property of the Trustee Board and can be amended by the Trustee Board and Undeb Bangor Council, in line with their procedures.

1. **Referenda**

1.1 Referenda may be called to determine any issue.

2. **Policy**

2.1 A Referendum may be called on any issue by:

2.1.1 a resolution of Trustees;

2.1.2 a majority vote of the Student Council; or

2.1.3 subject to Articles 26.1 and 28.2.1, a Secure Petition signed or agreed to be at least 150 Student Members

2.2 Subject to Articles 26.1 and 28.2.1, a resolution may only be passed by Referendum if at least 500 Student Members cast a vote in the Referendum and a simple majority of the votes cast are in favour of the resolution.

2.3 Referendums shall be conducted in accordance with the Articles and the Bye-Laws.

2.4 Subject to Article 30.3, the Student Members may set Policy by Referendums. Policy set by Referendums may overturn Policy set by the Student Council and Policy set by the Student Members at a Student Members' meeting.

3. **Responsibilities**

3.1 The Returning Officer, or their Deputy, shall be responsible for organising a Referendum

4. **Organisation**

4.1 The Returning Officer will be responsible for the good conduct and co-ordination of the administration of the Referendum.

5. **Publication**

5.1 The Returning Officer will publicise that a referendum has been called for and details of the reason why within five (5) clear days of receipt of notice

5.2 The Returning Officer shall:

5.2.1 Publish the proposal and date(s) for the referendum and date of a meeting.

5.2.2 Seek agreement from Democratic Procedures Committee on the wording of the question to be posed.

5.2.3 Arrange for both sides of any debate to be publicised alongside the question.

5.2.4 Publish the proposal and the question to be asked and further advertise dates of polling.

6. **Voting**

6.1 All Members shall be eligible to vote.

6.2 Polling will normally be electronic.

6.3 The voting options should allow Members to vote in favour, against, or abstain for each proposal.

7. Results

- 7.1 The Returning Officer shall be responsible for declaring the result of the referendum once they are satisfied that the Referendum has been conducted properly.
- 7.2 The result should be published on the Undeb Bangor website as soon as practicably possible but no later than three working days after the Referendum has been held.