

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

### Bye-Law 6 – Undeb Bangor Council

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*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.*

*For the purposes of the Bangor University Students' Union (Undeb Bangor) Articles of Association the Undeb Bangor Council shall be taken to mean the Student Council.*

#### 1. Purpose

##### 1.1. Undeb Bangor Council exists to:

- 1.1.1. Discuss, debate, and set Union policy in between Student Member Meetings.
- 1.1.2. Review, guide, hold to account, and create projects for the Sabbatical Officers in between Student Member Meetings.
- 1.1.3. Discuss issues of relevance to the Students in between Student Member Meetings.
- 1.1.4. Work to make Students' lives better by consulting and understanding the needs of the student body, be an ambassador for the Union, discuss and debate issues and ideas, and create new projects and initiatives.

#### 2. Membership

2.1. Only students fully registered at Bangor University and members of Bangor University Students' Union (Undeb Bangor) are eligible to be elected to and sit on Undeb Bangor Council.

2.2. The membership of Undeb Bangor Council shall be as follows:

- 2.2.1. International Students Undeb Bangor Councillor
- 2.2.2. European Union Students Undeb Bangor Councillor
- 2.2.3. Postgraduate Taught Students Undeb Bangor Councillor
- 2.2.4. Postgraduate Research Students Undeb Bangor Councillor
- 2.2.5. Mature Students Undeb Bangor Councillor
- 2.2.6. Student Parents And Carers Undeb Bangor Councillor
- 2.2.7. Live At Home Students Undeb Bangor Councillor
- 2.2.8. Part-Time Students Undeb Bangor Councillor
- 2.2.9. Disabled Students Undeb Bangor Councillor
- 2.2.10. Black, Asian, And Minority Ethnic Students Undeb Bangor Councillor
- 2.2.11. Welsh Speaking Students Undeb Bangor Councillor
- 2.2.12. LGBT+ Students Undeb Bangor Councillor
- 2.2.13. Trans Students Undeb Bangor Councillor
- 2.2.14. Women Students Undeb Bangor Councillor
- 2.2.15. Athletic Union (AU) Undeb Bangor Councillor (Open Place)
- 2.2.16. Athletic Union (AU) Undeb Bangor Councillor (Women's Place)
- 2.2.17. Societies Undeb Bangor Councillor (Open Place)
- 2.2.18. Societies Undeb Bangor Councillor (Women's Place)
- 2.2.19. Student Volunteering Bangor (SVB) Undeb Bangor Councillor (Open Place)
- 2.2.20. Student Volunteering Bangor (SVB) Undeb Bangor Councillor (Women's Place)
- 2.2.21. Course Representatives Undeb Bangor Councillor (Open Place)
- 2.2.22. Course Representatives Undeb Bangor Councillor (Women's Place)
- 2.2.23. Undeb Myfyrwyr Cymraeg Bangor (UMCB) Undeb Bangor Councillor (Open Place)
- 2.2.24. Undeb Myfyrwyr Cymraeg Bangor (UMCB) Undeb Bangor Councillor (Women's Place)
- 2.2.25. Wrexham Campus Undeb Bangor Councillor
- 2.2.26. Bangor College China (BCC) Undeb Bangor Councillor

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- 2.2.27. Mental Health Champion Undeb Bangor Councillor
- 2.2.28. Housing and Community Champion Undeb Bangor Councillor
- 2.2.29. Healthy Living Champion Undeb Bangor Councillor
- 2.2.30. Chair of Undeb Bangor Council

### 3. Elections

- 3.1. The elections of Undeb Bangor Councillors shall have the following requirements in terms of eligibility to nominate and vote for the given election:
  - 3.1.1. International Students Undeb Bangor Councillor – open to students defined as ‘International’ by Bangor University for fee paying purposes.
  - 3.1.2. European Union Students Undeb Bangor Councillor – open to students defined as ‘Home/EU’ by Bangor University for fee paying purposes.
  - 3.1.3. Postgraduate Taught Students Undeb Bangor Councillor – open to students undertaking a postgraduate taught level programme.
  - 3.1.4. Postgraduate Research Students Undeb Bangor Councillor – open to students undertaking a postgraduate research level programme.
  - 3.1.5. Mature Students Undeb Bangor Councillor – open to students aged over 21 at the start of their course.
  - 3.1.6. Student Parents And Carers Undeb Bangor Councillor – open to students with parental and or caring responsibilities.
  - 3.1.7. Live At Home Students Undeb Bangor Councillor – open to students not in either Bangor University or shared accommodation.
  - 3.1.8. Part-Time Students Undeb Bangor Councillor – open to students undertaking a designated part-time course.
  - 3.1.9. Disabled Students Undeb Bangor Councillor – open to students who self-define as disabled.
  - 3.1.10. Black, Asian, And Minority Ethnic Students Undeb Bangor Councillor – open to students who self-define as Black, Asian, or Minority Ethnic.
  - 3.1.11. Welsh Speaking Students Undeb Bangor Councillor – open to students defined as ‘Welsh Speakers’ and ‘Welsh Learners’ by Bangor University.
  - 3.1.12. LGBT+ Students Undeb Bangor Councillor – open to students who self-define as LGBT+.
  - 3.1.13. Trans Students Undeb Bangor Councillor – open to students who self-define as Trans.
  - 3.1.14. Women Students Undeb Bangor Councillor – open to students who self-define as a woman.
  - 3.1.15. Athletic Union (AU) Undeb Bangor Councillor (Open Place) – open to students on the Undeb Bangor Athletic Union (AU) Executive Committee.
  - 3.1.16. Athletic Union (AU) Undeb Bangor Councillor (Women’s Place) - open to students who self-define as a woman on the Undeb Bangor Athletic Union (AU) Executive Committee.
  - 3.1.17. Societies Undeb Bangor Councillor (Open Place) – open to students on the Undeb Bangor Societies Executive Committee.
  - 3.1.18. Societies Undeb Bangor Councillor (Women’s Place) – open to students who self-define as a woman on the Undeb Bangor Societies Executive Committee.
  - 3.1.19. Student Volunteering Bangor (SVB) Undeb Bangor Councillor (Open Place) – open to students on the Undeb Bangor Student Volunteering Bangor (SVB) Executive Committee.
  - 3.1.20. Student Volunteering Bangor (SVB) Undeb Bangor Councillor (Women’s Place) – open to students who self-define as a woman on the Undeb Bangor Student Volunteering Bangor (SVB) Executive Committee.
  - 3.1.21. Course Representatives Undeb Bangor Councillor (Open Place) – open to students on the Undeb Bangor Course Representative Executive Committee.
  - 3.1.22. Course Representatives Undeb Bangor Councillor (Women’s Place) – open to students who self-define as a woman on the Undeb Bangor Course Representative Executive Committee.
  - 3.1.23. Undeb Myfyrwyr Cymraeg Bangor (UMCB) Undeb Bangor Councillor (Open Place) – open to students on the Undeb Myfyrwyr Cymraeg Bangor (UMCB) Executive Committee.
  - 3.1.24. Undeb Myfyrwyr Cymraeg Bangor (UMCB) Undeb Bangor Councillor (Women’s Place) – open to students who self-define as a woman on the Undeb Myfyrwyr Cymraeg Bangor (UMCB) Executive Committee.

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- 3.1.25. Wrexham Campus Undeb Bangor Councillor – open to students from Bangor University’s Wrexham Campus.
- 3.1.26. Bangor College China (BCC) Undeb Bangor Councillor – open to students from Bangor College China (BCC).
- 3.1.27. Mental Health Champion Undeb Bangor Councillor – open to any student.
- 3.1.28. Housing and Community Champion Undeb Bangor Councillor – open to any student.
- 3.1.29. Healthy Living Champion Undeb Bangor Councillor – open to any student.
- 3.1.30. Chair of Undeb Bangor Council – open to any student.

3.2. All Undeb Bangor Council positions shall be elected in accordance with the Elections By-Law and Regulations as detailed in the Elections Bye-Law.

- 3.2.1 The sole exception to rule 3.2 shall be the election of Undeb Myfyrwyr Cymraeg Bangor (UMCB) Undeb Bangor Councillors who shall be elected in accordance with the UMCB Constitution as detailed in the appendix of these Bye-Laws.

3.3. Any Member may attend Undeb Bangor Council with speaking rights.

3.4. Undeb Bangor Council may vote to allow non-students attendance and speaking rights as required.

#### **4. Removal of Undeb Bangor Councillors**

4.1. Any Undeb Bangor Councillor may be removed or questioned in line with the Undeb Bangor Elected Member Accountability Procedures as defined in the appendix of these bye-laws.

4.2. A Vote of No Confidence Procedure is included within the Undeb Bangor Elected Member Accountability Procedure and covers Sabbatical Officers and Undeb Bangor Councillors, and for the absence of doubt, this procedure shall also cover Student Trustees and shall be in accordance with the Articles of Association.

#### **5. Meeting Standing Orders**

##### *5.1. The Chair*

5.1.1 The Chair shall maintain appropriate order within the meeting, ensure that the meeting runs to the meeting, and will be responsible for ensuring that Union policies are followed throughout the duration of the meeting.

5.1.2 It is the Chair’s responsibility to ensure the debate is balanced, considered, and fair.

5.1.3 Undeb Bangor Councillors may contest the decision of the Chair at any time by calling a majority vote.

5.1.4 If the Chair is unable to attend a meeting a new Chair shall be elected at the start of the meeting to chair that meeting.

5.1.5 If at any time the Chair has deemed to have resigned or have been removed in a Vote of No Confidence a cross campus election for a new Chair shall immediately be opened and the procedure noted above in 5.1.4 followed until the new Chair is elected.

##### *5.2 Agenda and Meeting Schedule*

5.2.1 All registered students at Bangor University shall have the opportunity to place items on the agenda, and will receive the agenda and papers at least 4 days before the meeting.

5.2.2 Undeb Bangor Council shall meet at least once a month in term time.

##### *5.3 Ideas Submission, Discussion and Adoption*

5.3.1 For the purpose of Undeb Bangor Council an ‘Idea’ is defined as follows:

5.3.1.1 A headline question or statement, and the answer to the two following questions:

5.3.1.1.1 What do you want?

5.3.1.1.2 Why do you want it?

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- 5.3.2 Ideas should be submitted in line with the Undeb Bangor Council (UBC) Ideas Procedure.
- 5.3.3 Ideas shall be discussed in the following manner:
  - 5.3.3.1 Presentation of the idea by the person proposing, or a member of their choosing;
  - 5.3.3.2 Question and Answer session, Undeb Bangor Councillors may ask questions of the proposer in order to clarify information;
  - 5.3.3.3 Open debate of ideas, which may include alterations and/or suggestions.
    - 5.3.3.3.1 In the event that an ideas proposer or a member of their choosing is not present, UBC may suggest alterations to ideas. Any such alterations must be approved by an ideas proposer.
- 5.3.4 Once an idea has been adopted it becomes policy of Undeb Bangor and the proposer, or a member of their choosing, will be invited to meet the relevant Sabbatical Officer to draw up an action plan.
- 5.3.5 The action plan should be presented at the next meeting of Undeb Bangor Council for information.
- 5.3.6 If an idea is rejected by Undeb Bangor Council, it cannot be resubmitted to Undeb Bangor Council for consideration in the same academic year.
- 5.3.7 If an idea is rejected by Undeb Bangor Council the proposer can choose whether or not the idea is put to the student body via a referendum, following the procedure detailed in Bye-Law 3 of the Bangor University Students' Union (Undeb Bangor) Articles of Association
- 5.3.8 If an idea is rejected via referendum it cannot come back to Undeb Bangor Council for consideration in the same academic year.

#### 5.4 Voting

- 5.4.1 Undeb Bangor Council must reach a two-thirds majority of those present to adopt or decline an idea. If that majority is not reached then the proposer of the idea can choose whether or not the idea is put to the student body via a referendum, following the procedure detailed in By-Law 3 of the Bangor University Students' Union (Undeb Bangor) Articles of Association.
- 5.4.2 Normal voting will take place by a show of hands, though any member of Undeb Bangor Council may request a secret ballot.
- 5.4.3 Quorum for voting purposes will be 16 members, under the condition that all positions are filled. Alternatively, if not, then quorum shall be 50% of members plus 1 member of those positions filled.
- 5.4.4 Sabbatical Officers shall attend Undeb Bangor Council and provide reports on work undertaken.

## 6 Sub-Committees of Undeb Bangor Council

### 6.2 Undeb Bangor Athletic Union (AU) Executive Committee

- 6.2.1 The structure and operation of this committee is governed by the Undeb Bangor Student Opportunities Bye-Law as detailed in these Bye-Laws.

### 6.3 Undeb Bangor Societies Executive Committee

- 6.3.1 The structure and operation of this committee is governed by the Undeb Bangor Student Opportunities Bye-Law as detailed in these Bye-Laws.

### 6.4 Undeb Bangor Student Volunteering (SVB) Executive Committee

- 6.4.1 The structure and operation of this committee is governed by the Undeb Bangor Student Opportunities Bye-Law as detailed in these Bye-Laws.

### 6.5 Undeb Bangor Course Representative Executive Committee

- 6.5.1 The structure and operation of this committee is governed by the Undeb Bangor Student Representation Bye-Law as detailed in these Bye-Laws.

### 6.6 Undeb Myfyrwyr Cymraeg Bangor (UMCB) Executive Committee

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- 6.6.1 The structure and operation of this committee is governed by Undeb Myfyrwyr Cymraeg Bangor (UMCB) Constitution as detailed in the appendix of these By-Laws.
- 6.6.2 The Undeb Myfyrwyr Cymraeg Bangor (UMCB) Constitution is property of Undeb Myfyrwyr Cymraeg Bangor (UMCB) which is in turn governed in line with the Bangor University Students' Union (Undeb Bangor) Articles of Association.