



Motion Booklet
Big Student Meeting (AGM)
18th January 2018

Motions Guide

What is a motion?

You may have a fantastic idea about improving the way Union of Kingston Students works, or perhaps there is something that really irritates you. If you want to bring about change in your Union, you can write a motion and propose it to be adopted as policy.

In this booklet are all the motions that were submitted for AGM

What do the different sections of a motion mean?

Motions are broken down into three sections;

AGM Notes: This is what the author believes to be fact, eg "Most students owe money in the form of student loans"

AGM Believes: This is much more opinion-based, and if passed, will become the policy of Union of Kingston Students. eg "Student debt is not a good thing"

AGM Resolves: This is the main thrust of the motion and gives the practical mandate to Union of Kingston Students, eg "For Union of Kingston Students to campaign against student debt"

How are motions debated?

Each motion will have a proposer(s) and seconder(s) - these are students who wrote the motion. They will be asked to give a 2 minute speech to explain why you should vote for this motion.

The chair will then ask if anyone wishes to give a 2 minute speech against the motion. If you do, please raise your hand.

The chair will then allow 2 clarifications to be put to the proposer or seconder. They will have a minute to respond to each question.

At the end of the debate, the Chair will ask the proposer to come and give a 1 minute speech to summarize why the motion should be passed. Following this, you will be asked to vote.

How do I make an amendment to a motion?

To make an amendment to any of the motions, you will need to complete [this form](#) and send it to studentsunion@kingston.ac.uk. Deadline for motion amendments is the 17th January at 5pm. No amendments can be made after this time or at the AGM.

What is procedural motion?

Say you want another round of speeches, change the order of motions, an extra round of clarifications, refer the matter to an all student referendum etc– you can submit a procedural motion. The form for this is at the end of this booklet

To submit this, come to the front and speak to the Chair's assistant or speak to one of the Union staff.

Procedural motions are voted on without a debate but the proposer may have a minute to speak in favour of the motion.

How do I vote?

If you want to vote for (e.g if you want the motion to be accepted) – raise your green thumb!

If you want to against (e.g you don't want the motion)– raise your red thumb!

If you abstain (neither vote for or against) – raise your hand

The motion will accepted if more than half of those present votes for it.

So we voted, what happens next?

Any motion that approved* becomes Union Policy for the next three years. This means that what is in the resolves part of the motion, the Union is mandated to do, campaign on or take a stance on.

*This is subject to the Union's Trustee Board – this board check that we are not passing things that contravene the aims and objectives of the Union, breaking the law or going to cause the Union financial problems.

How was the order of the motions decided?

The order of the motions was decided at random by the Chair of the AGM.

There are a lot of motions, what happens if we run out of time?

They will be referred to the Union's Trustee Board for approval

I have more questions – who can I speak to?

Before and after the AGM, drop an email to studentsunion@kingston.ac.uk or pop into the office to speak to the Student Officers or a member of staff.

At the AGM, speak to one of the Union staff, the Chair's Assistant or drop us a tweet at @union_kingston

Motion Title: Ingredient Listings

Motion Proposer(s): Marcia Knight-Latter K1654844

Motion Seconder: Eleonora Gabriele K1617950

Union AGM Notes

1. There are students at this university who suffer from unusual allergies which are not included in typical allergens listings
2. Some foods only include a listing of known allergens without the rest of the ingredients included

Union AGM Believes

1. Students should be made aware of exactly what they are eating to prevent allergic reactions to unusual allergies

Union AGM Resolves

1. For Union of Kingston Students to work towards providing a full list of ingredients on everything sold at this university

Motion Title: Provide more support and better integration for HSCE students within the Union

Motion Proposer(s): Petar Lachev KU62903

Motion Second: Salem Al Busmait K1556157, Klunder Wojciech K1628114

Union AGM Notes

1. HSCE students are on placements for half of the year; therefore they are less likely to become involved with the UKS, societies & sports clubs.
2. HSCE students' work placements are often located outside Kingston University grounds, which can result in students feeling isolated and reduce contact time to access university support services.
3. HSCE students are often mature, and may have dependants; Kingston University often falls short in supporting these students' needs during their studies due to reasons listed above in points 1 and 2.

Union AGM Believes

1. That the Kingston Hill Officer should work closely with the HSCE Faculty's Management Team, attend related meetings, and help the faculty become more focused to incorporate student activities.
2. There should be an increase in HSCE students participating in student activities – sports, societies and volunteering.
3. The Union should strive to include & make events tailored to HSCE students.

Union AGM Resolves

1. To carry out research into the experience of students on HSCE courses.
2. To improve campus integration alongside the UKS to help provide better access to sports clubs, societies and other services.
3. Lobby for the Kingston University to invest more finances in order to provide more activities for HSCE students.
4. All UKS officers should be mandated to help deliver this motion once passed.



Motion Title: Resisting the rise of racism and Islamophobia

Motion Proposer(s): Richard Donnelly K1060937

Motion Secunder: Amir Hooshanf Eftekhari Rad K1557750

Union AGM Notes

1. We are seeing a growth in the racist Right, from Trump's election in the US to the electoral successes for the Front National in France and AfD in Germany.
2. There is a worrying rise in racist, Islamophobic and anti-Semitic attacks in the UK.
3. The Tories use of EU citizen's rights as a bargaining chip in the Brexit negotiations.
4. The Tories continue to scapegoat refugees and migrants, while denying rights to those escaping war and poverty.
5. Donald Trump has been invited to visit the UK.
6. Stand Up To Racism national conference in October saw 1,300 people attend and heard from Shadow Home Secretary Diane Abbott, Labour MPs and many leading anti-racists.

Union AGM Believes

1. We need a mass anti-racist movement among students.
2. The Students Against Racism conference on 3rd March is an opportunity for students to discuss confronting the rise in racism.
3. The Stand Up To Racism national demonstration in London on Saturday 17 March can play an important part in strengthening that movement.
4. Any Trump visit to Britain must be met with mass protests, which we should encourage Union members to support

Union AGM Resolves

1. To support protests taking place when Trump visits.
2. To support the Stand Up To Racism protests in London on Saturday 17 March, to send the Union banner, and to promote with Union members.
3. To support the Students Against Racism conference on Saturday 3 March.

Motion Title: Lobby to Reduce the cost of Laundry in Halls of Residence

Motion Proposer(s): Ojevwe Ewodere K1319505

Motion Secunder: Karyn Miranda K1700130

Union AGM Notes

1. Most students feel that the cost of laundry is too expensive.
2. This cost sometimes rises without prior warning being made to students.
3. The current cost of washing is £3 per wash and drying is about £1 per dry. This amounts to £16 per month, and £168 over the cost of the 42 week stay that a student would stay in halls for. This is a Hidden Cost on top of the cost of rent, food, and other maintenance costs.

Union AGM Believes

1. Students are already feeling the pinch as the cost of living is constantly on the increase.
2. This additional charge just for a student to be able to wash their own clothes is unfair when students are currently struggling with their finances.
3. The cost discourages students from doing their laundry at frequent intervals, which can lead to hygiene issues.

Union AGM Resolves

1. Lobby the University to reduce the cost of Laundry.
2. Push for students to have a greater say in how their accommodation is run and how contracts are awarded so that things are run for the benefit of providing a good service to students, not just profiteering.
3. As rent in halls currently covers bills (e.g. electricity, gas, water), this cost should also be inclusive of laundry so as to minimise the hidden costs associated with living in halls.

Motion Title: Promoting Integration/Collaboration Between Campuses/Courses/Projects

Motion Proposer(s): Whaqar Hussain K1353313

Motion Seconded: Rafi Rahman K1424887

Union AGM Notes

1. Most projects can benefit from students from multiple disciplines
2. Most projects are specifically aimed at one course/group of students
3. Collaboration can be unintentionally limited/restricted
4. Projects are not shared between campuses; so staff cannot promote to students

Union AGM Believes

1. Segregating courses, albeit unintentionally, does not benefit students
2. Students will benefit from cross-campus collaboration
3. Projects will improve with increased promotion and collaboration

Union AGM Resolves

1. Actively promote projects across all campuses
2. Targeted recruitment for students to join projects on other campuses
3. Connect students to staff across all campuses
4. Improve/easier bookings systems for projects (for facilities on other campuses)

Motion Title: Designated Smoking Area

Motion Proposer(s): Brittany Granda K1731812

Motion Secunder: Wasif Shaikh K1735668

Union AGM Notes

1. Penrhyn Road does not currently have a designated smoking area
2. There are signs posted near JG and main entrance, but students still smoke in that area

Union AGM Believes

1. Smokers need somewhere to go

Union AGM Resolves

1. For Kingston to build/have space for smokers in a location that is easily accessible, but doesn't impede other students

Motion Title: Elior – food and staffing issues

Motion Proposer(s): Elif Bulut K1418365

Motion Second: Ellen Baldwin K1013933, Daisy Du Toit K1324730, Ilaria Ferrari K1509156

Union AGM Notes

1. The food in the canteen does not maintain variety with nutritional value and is expensive.
2. KU has a policy on modern slavery which recognizes the London Living Wage. Elior employees are paid £7.20 an hour which is below the National Living Wage (£8ph).
3. Elior management are not abiding to their employee contracts as staff who are supposed to be paid for their overtime have had this rejected.

Union AGM Believes

1. The prices & quality of the canteen food is unsustainable for students paying £9K per year. KHill students pay the highest prices and do not have alternative options.
2. Students should have a say in who supplies our food & the prices as we are the pay masters of this university.
3. A university is a place of ethical standards which our current catering suppliers don't honor.
4. Students have a responsibility to question the standards at which Elior operate at Kingston.

Union AGM Resolves

1. For Students, the SU and University to stand by Elior employees who are paid below the London Living Wage & National Living Wage by lobbying Elior to change this.
2. The Student Union & University to boycott Elior as a primary catering supplier in their internal & external events/meetings.
3. Students to sign the petition and letter to Elior head office expressing our concerns with the current situation at Kingston.
4. Students to make each other aware, think twice about buying from the canteen, and to keep in mind that we have the power to change this.

Motion Title: Support KSA students in fundraising for their student show & host more design markets

Motion Proposer(s): Chen Zhang K1400829, Giulia Grigolon K1534013, Roisin Tierney K1437907, Lois de Silva K1311979

Motion Secunder: Ryan Gray K1420785, Sara Doust K1530075, Holly Warburton K1521606

Union AGM Notes

1. The NSS survey Qu26 asks, what the 'The students' union' has done to 'effectively represents students' academic interests'. Currently UKS needs to do more for the KSA academic experience.
2. If a student is not involved in Union activities, they will not be supported in setting up a stall, putting up posters, or booking a space on campus.
3. BA students have to fundraise for their student show which can cost up to £18 000.
4. Currently there is no training or support for third students on how to fundraise for their student show or get sponsorship.
5. KSA students have a yearly Design Market: with more stock - want a bigger market.

Union AGM Believes

1. A good internal student show adds value to the student experience as this is the biggest opportunity to be exposed to the industry and create a successful portfolio.
2. A design market is entrepreneurial, generates an income, allows for market research, and student networking.
3. UKS supporting student show fundraising, and design markets would support, empower and enrich the student experience.

Union AGM Resolves

5. UKS will host more design markets and support KSA BA students in planning their campaigns to raise funds for their student shows, but will not run the campaign.
6. Such as: booking campus venues, providing tables, social media, stamping posters, promoting externally outside KSA.
7. To buy bank card readers, for the courses to hire from the Union.
8. The union will organise the logistics such as the transporting of materials between campuses, to enable cross-campus fundraising.
9. The Union will link the University alumni team with the student show fundraisers in order to broaden the network of expertise, mentoring and advice on fundraising available to students.

Motion Title: Disability students

Motion Proposer(s): Tobi Green K1438227

Motion Seconder: Angelika Karczewska K1420286

Union AGM Notes

1. Sports/Societies are not inclusive enough to students with disabilities.
2. Committee members don't have the knowledge on how to include people with disabilities across the board.
3. Disability awareness events in any campus i.e. disability awareness is always forgotten.
4. No disabled events for people to go to with regards to student union. (with exception of KUTALENT who have events for employment not activities.)

Union AGM Believes

1. Promote inclusivity across the board.
2. Promote personal growth and awareness for all people with or without disability
3. Active participation for all (in university life/experience)
4. Kingston should be the leading University for true disability inclusivity and encouragement.

Union AGM Resolves

1. Have events for disability awareness day
2. To have trips and activities that everybody can be involved in by connecting with organisations (locally and internationally) for funding and correct training information, equipment, vehicles etc..
3. Have training for all student union members/staff and societies.
4. Have a monitory rule to have a specialist who is of knowledge employed by the University.

Motion Title: Bigger society storage space

Motion Proposer(s): Muna Ali K1628710

Motion Secunder: Salem Al Busmait K1556157, Noelle Fourie K1525411, Sarah Mansoar, Splash Morales Albarran K1538889

Union AGM Notes

1. There are 85 societies under the Student's Union
2. The space provided for society storage is small
3. Storage space is also shared with volunteering

Union AGM Believes

1. We believe that as the union has so many societies, there should be adequate space for the societies to keep the items they need to run their events.
2. It is a health and safety hazard to store so much society items in a small space for example students tripping over bags and hurting themselves.
3. Increase in space means space is kept more tidy and is more manageable.

Union AGM Resolves

1. For Union of Kingston Students to petition the university for adequate space to keep the Societies storage items.
2. For Union officers to bring the topic of more society storage space at their meetings.

Motion Title: The changes to the Kingston Law School do not benefit current or future law students

Motion Proposer(s): Thisakar Arunasalam K1532171

Motion Second: Myraiel Newry K1423070

Union AGM Notes

1. Law students will be not be graduating from the Kingston Law School with a qualifying law degree but from another University faculty.
2. The University did not take the courtesy to inform the general student body or any law-affiliated student groups on the major change.
3. Law students have not participated in the major changes that are implemented as part of the 2020 plan.
4. The University website has not informed the general public on the change of faculty name till present which will affect future law applicants.

Union AGM Believes

1. Law students will not be fully represented anymore.
2. Since Kingston Law School does not have a physical building, to get rid of the name means that students will not be able to approach employers with the label of a law school attached with their degrees.
3. The well-being and the circumstances that affect students of the faculty of Law are not represented taken into full consideration when major changes are implemented
4. The seriousness of the changes were not discussed to students

Union AGM Resolves

1. Union of Kingston Students to campaign against unreasonable changes made by the University
2. Union of Kingston Students to campaign for better communication made by the University
3. This will help the Union of Kingston Students to campaign for stronger University rules that supports students

Procedural Motion Form*

Name..... K-Number.....

Which Motion?

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| I would like an extra round of speeches | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Change the order of the motions | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I would like an extra round of clarifications | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Take the motion straight to a vote | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| A vote is not taken | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| A vote is referred to an all student referendum | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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