



University of Bath

Students' Union

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1. Referenda may be called to determine the following:
 - 1.1. to agree changes to the Articles of Governance for recommendation to University Council for approval
 - 1.2. to pass a motion of No Confidence in a Trustee
 - 1.3. to agree policy as defined in the Articles of Governance
 - 1.4. to challenge (upon submission of a secure petition signed by 2.5% of the Membership as stipulated in the Articles 22.4.2) a policy passed by the Board of Trustees or by student vote to question the SU's continued affiliation to any particular external organisation
2. **Articles of Governance**
 - 2.1. In accordance with Articles 10.2.1 and 23.2.1, to agree changes to the Articles of Governance, a quorum of 5% of Members will be required to validate the referendum and a two-thirds majority of those voting will be required for the changes to be approved
3. **Motion of No Confidence in a Trustee**
 - 3.1. In accordance with Article 19.1.2 and 19.2.2, to pass a motion of no confidence in a Trustee, a quorum of 10% of Members will be required to validate the referendum and a majority of two thirds will be required for the motion to be approved
4. **Policies**
 - 4.1. In accordance with Articles 22.2 to agree or challenge policy referred to referendum by the Trustee Board or secure petition, a quorum of 5% of Members will be required to validate the referendum and simple majority of those Members voting.
5. **Affiliations**
 - 5.1. In accordance with Article 23.4.3 to determine whether the SU should continue to affiliate to a particular organisation referred to referendum by the Trustee Board or secure petition, a quorum of 5% of Members will be required to validate the referendum and a simple majority of those Members voting.
6. Referenda can be called on any issue by the following:
 - 6.1. a simple majority of the Trustee Board;
 - 6.2. by any Member via a secure petition signed by 2.5% of the Membership;
 - 6.3. In the case of a question of continued affiliation to any particular external organisation, if the Board of Trustees receives a secure petition signed by 5% of the Membership

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7. Responsibilities

- 7.1. The Returning Officer shall be responsible for organising a Referendum when instructed:
 - 7.1.1. by a majority decision of a quorate meeting of the Board of Trustees
 - 7.1.2. on receipt of a secure petition in line with the requirements above
- 7.2. The Returning Officer will be responsible for the good conduct and co-ordination of the administration of the Referendum.
- 7.3. The result of a Referendum will take precedence over any existing decision on the same issue. The issue may not be reopened in any democratic forum of the SU for a period of not less than twelve (12) months