



## A Quick Guide

Ask your Student Officer or Representative a question at Student Council

- Your Student Officer or Representative must answer your question at Student Council
- If your Student Officer or Representative is unable to attend Council or are unable to reply, they must provide a written response within five working days
- Anyone who submits a question to Council may also ask another question directly after their question is answered
  - This is known as a 'supplementary question' and does not need to be submitted beforehand
  - This question can be used to make sure you clarify the answer to the first question, but it can also be used to ask a question on a completely different topic! Bingo!
- If you do not want to be identified, that's grand. You can ask an anonymous question.
  - The process is exactly the same as with a normal question, but your identity and the identity of your friend (who supports your question) is withheld
- Beware, if Council deems an anonymous question to be inappropriate, it can excuse a Student Officer from answering the question. This stops the anonymous question process from being abused and spoiling it for everyone



## Sample questions:

Questions are normally pretty short and easy to write.

Here are some sample questions, to give you a quick and easy guide to the type of questions that are usually asked:

### To the Union President

What is the Students' Union doing to ensure that there are more jobs available for students when they graduate?

### To the Student Officer, Clubs and Societies

What steps are being taken by the Student Officer Clubs & Societies to ensure that Society grants are being allocated and distributed in a timely manner this year, and to ensure that the delays experienced in previous years do not reoccur?

### To the Student Officer, Education

What are you doing to progress the Students' Union Policy to campaign for students to receive their examination timetables at an earlier date prior to the examination period?

### To the Student Officer, Equality and Diversity

What is being done to make sure that part-time students become more involved in the Union throughout the year?

### To the Union's Representative on the University Senate

What representations have you made to oppose increases in postgraduate tuition fees?

### To the Union Speaker

What steps can you take to improve the efficiency of Council meetings, given that sometimes meetings can last for up to three hours?

### To the Chairperson of the Campaigns and Communications Committee

What campaigns have your Committee instigated or successfully delivered so far in the current academic year?