

SUC/A/26/2

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY BELFAST STUDENTS' UNION

To: Members of the Students' Union Council

Dear Councillor,

Please attend the Annual Business Meeting of the 2025-26 Students' Union Council, to be held on Tuesday 10 March 2026 at 4.00pm in The Cube, Level One, Students' Union.

Yours sincerely,

DAMIEN CORRIDAN

Clerk to the Students' Union Council

AGENDA

FIRST CIRCULATION

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - 2.1 Minutes of Statutory Meeting of 20 January 2026 SUC/M/26/1
3. Business Arising from the Minutes
 - 3.1 Policy Update
 - 3.1.1 A Review of the Irish Language Policies

A review of implementation of Irish language policies shall be presented to the next meeting of the Council, to include any potential outworkings of a scheduled referendum which may impact on the overall composition of Irish language policy in the Students' Union.
4. Communications
 - 4.1 Condolences
 - 4.2 SU Voice – Update
 - 4.3 Council Membership – Update
 - 4.4 Students' Union Elections 2026 – Update
 - 4.5 Students' Union Referendums – Update
 - 4.6 National Students' Union Updates
5. Constitutional Amendments/Rule Amendments

There are none.

6. Business for Consideration

6.1 Clubs and Societies Committee – Recommendations

The Clubs and Societies Committee at its meetings of Thursday 12 February 2026 and Wednesday 12 February 2026, considered whether the following Clubs and Societies meet all Constitutional requirements necessary to recommend them to be considered for recognition by the Council:

- 6.1.1 QUB Padel Club (Sporting Club)
- 6.1.2 QUB Next Chapter Society (Academic Society)
- 6.1.3 QUB Songwriters' Society (General Interest Society)
- 6.1.4 QUB Irish Dance Club (Sporting Club)
- 6.1.5 QUB HIDentistry Society (General Interest)
- 6.1.6 QUB Italian Society (Cultural Society)
- 6.1.7 QUB Rare Disease Society (General Interest Society)
- 6.1.8 QUB German Society (Cultural Society)
- 6.1.9 QUB Alternative Society (General Interest Society)

6.2 Special Meeting of the Students' Union Council

It is proposed that Council approve convening a Special Meeting of Council of Council on Tuesday 21 April 2026, 5.00 p.m. to consider standard Council agenda items and submitted agenda items. This will include discussion of a range of on-going issues which cannot be considered in a single meeting, such as:

- The University's AI policy development
- Updates to Students' Union policies
- Higher Education Finding Review, including the student loan system
- SU structures around GIFT City (new India campus)
- Formalising connections with St. Mary's and Stranmills University Students' Unions

It is also proposed that this meeting consider items not considered at the Annual Business Meeting.

Additional meetings of Council can only be convened at the request of the Management Board, the Council itself, or a petition of Councillors.

7. Business for Discussion

Councillors are invited to raise any relevant issues for discussion under agenda items 7.1 – 7.3.

- 7.1 Cost of Living Crisis – Update
- 7.2 QUB Academic / Support Services Issues – Update
- 7.3 Students' Union Mental Health Activity – Update
- 7.4 QSU Student Cooperative Housing Project – Update
- 7.5 SOS-UK Drugs and Alcohol Programme – Update
- 7.6 Student Safety Initiatives – Update

- 7.7 Union President Updates
Updates on areas of on-going or emerging focus.
- 7.8 Policy Scheduled to Lapse
This shall be considered at the next meeting of the Council.
- 7.9 QUB Draft Artificial Intelligence Policies – Consultation Discussion
- 7.10 QUB Draft Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Strategy 2026-2029 – Consultation Discussion
- 7.11 QSU GIFT City Democratic Structures – Interim Options
- 7.12 Policy Updates – Policies Approved by Student Ideas Submission
8. Bye-Elections
There are none.
9. Elections
There are none.
10. Motions
There are none.
11. Report of the Management Board and Recommendations
This shall be considered at the next meeting of the Council.
12. Report of the Executive Management Committee and Recommendations
The following reports shall be noted:
- 12.1 Report of the Executive Management Committee (March 2026)
This shall be considered at the next meeting of the Council.

The following papers shall be taken 'as read'. Councillors shall be invited to ask questions to each officer on matters related to the reports. The Council shall be asked to vote collectively on each report, unless a request is received from a Councillor to exclude a specific report from the collective vote.
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| 12.2 | Report of the Union President (March 2026) | SUC/P/26/12 |
| 12.3 | Report of the Student Officer Activities and Engagement (March 2026) | SUC/P/26/13 |
| 12.4 | Report of the Student Officer Accessible Education (March 2026) | SUC/P/26/14 |
| 12.5 | Report of the Student Officer Postgraduate Education (March 2026) | SUC/P/26/15 |
| 12.6 | Report of the Student Officer Undergraduate Education (March 2026) | SUC/P/26/16 |
| 12.7 | Report of the Student Officer Welfare and Community (March 2026) | SUC/P/26/17 |

All annual reports shall be considered at the next meeting of the Council.

13. Reports from other Union Committees and Recommendations

The following report shall be noted:

- 13.1 Report of the Clubs and Societies Committee (March 2026) SUC/P/26/18

All further reports and all annual reports shall be considered at the next meeting of the Council.

14. Reports from University Committees

There are none.

15. Constitutional Questions

There are none.

16. Questions (to Elected Student Representatives)

There are none.

17. Any Other Competent Business

18. Date of Next Statutory Meeting of the Students' Union Council

A Special Meeting of Council shall take place on Tuesday 21 April 2026, 5.00. p.m. in The Cube, Level 1, One Elmwood.

Deadline for agenda submission of agenda items: Monday 13 April 2026, 9.00 a.m.

Deadline for submission of Constitutional amendments: Monday 23 March 2026, 9.00 a.m.

The inaugural meeting of the Students' Union Council 2026-27 will take place in semester one of the 2026-27 academic year, in the Students' Union Building.