

POLICY PROPOSAL

TITLE: ENHANCING DEMOCRACY

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INTRODUCTION

Current rules governing policy rounds mean that policies which fail to reach 2% quorum are rejected, despite the onus for getting out the vote being shared by Bath SU and the policy proposer. This policy means that policies can pass more easily, and shifts the burden of responsibility for engagement from the students proposing them to Bath SU.

REASON FOR CHANGE

1. Of six policies proposed in the November policy round in the academic year 2015/2016, only one reached quoracy, and, whilst subsequent policy rounds have had higher levels of engagement, there are no protections against a similar situation arising again.
2. Whilst Regulation 9 stipulates that there shall be three policy rounds each year, Bath SU is only holding two in the academic year 2016/2017.
3. Turnout should be a target of the SU and not a hurdle for policy proposers.

THE PROPOSAL

1. Bath SU appends to Regulation 9 that any policy which fails to reach quoracy is automatically accepted for public vote at the next policy round, unless the policy proposer requests otherwise.
 2. Bath SU commits to increasing and intensifying its promotion of policy rounds, with a target engagement of 10% of its membership.
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