

Lapsing Policy File 2024-2025 Academic Year – Version 1.0

In line with the changes to the Bye Laws as passed by Council in 2022-23, all policy now exists on a timescale of remaining relevant for two academic years (inclusive of the year it was passed), instead of on a specific date basis. More details can be found [here](https://www.uusu.org/pageassets/downloads/Appendix-2-Student-Council-Policy-Process.2022.pdf).

All policy found below without changes will be voted on mass as to if they are to be reapproved.

Policy with changes will be put to an individual vote.

You do have the opportunity at this stage to propose amendments to any policy on this list. Please ensure this is done in writing and sent through to the Clerk and Chair of Council. (Please download any of the documents below as a PDF then edit via word and highlight text you wish to delete in red and new text in yellow.) Alongside this you have the right to propose that policy is not brought forward again. Or suggest alternative policy in the usual manner. Please simply send through an email to the Chair and Clerk outlining the same.

This list below follows consultation and is suggestions for the proposed retained, lapsing and policies to be amended. This is the view of the Student Executive, although if you see a policy on this list you wish to retain, lapse or make further amendment to you are welcome to do so.

Please contact the Clerk of Council if you have any questions.

To be allocated (Lapsed, retained, amended)

1. Proposed Lapsing Policies (with explainer for lapsing)

[Hydration Stations](https://www.uusu.org/pageassets/downloads/Hydration-Stations-2023.pdf) (Connor) I feel like this has been resolved, would appreciate input from Coleraine and Belfast. It has been resolved on Belfast campus, we just need signage to notify people on where to find them.

[Public Transport](https://www.uusu.org/pageassets/downloads/Public-Transport-2023.pdf) (Ethan) This needs to be updated, but we would need to do a fair bit of research first.

[Empowering Women](https://www.uusu.org/pageassets/downloads/Empowering-Women-2023.pdf) (Emily) needs to be lapsed to be rewritten to tackle barriers instead of a general statement.

[Support for Refugees](https://www.uusu.org/pageassets/downloads/Support-for-Refugees-2023.pdf) (Daniel) Rework required regarding finances, context and involvement of national bodies (including NUS-USI).

[Student Complaints](https://www.uusu.org/pageassets/downloads/Student-Complaints-2023.pdf) (Emily) there’s going to be a new team within the university for complaints and disciplinaries

[Re-enrolment Fees](https://www.uusu.org/pageassets/student-voice/democracy/policy/Re-Enrolement-Fees-2023(1).pdf) (Emily) the information here is out of date (<https://www.ulster.ac.uk/student/fees/tuition-fees/miscellaneous-fees)> I think this policy should be lapsed and a new policy advocating for the abolition of all miscellaneous fees should be written, focusing on the financial barriers that fees create, a student’s second chance shouldn’t be defined by how much money they have. Every student should be given the opportunity to repeat/resit at the very least their first resit free of charge, especially for the assignments that are taken online.

[Ecosia](https://www.uusu.org/pageassets/downloads/Ecosia-2023.pdf) (Favour) Lapse this policy, there is much concern around the harvesting of users data, monitoring user data illegally on browser extensions, and not even planting the trees they claim to.

[Anti-Semitism](https://www.uusu.org/pageassets/downloads/Anti-Semitism-2023.pdf) (Daniel) - Proposal to lapse this policy, conduct further research and consult with experts to further develop this policy which will be brought back in the future. The policy needs rewritten, UUSU will still commit to defending and supporting the rights of our Jewish students on campus, and publicly oppose antisemitism.

[Trade Union Industrial Action](https://www.uusu.org/pageassets/downloads/Trade-Union-Industrial-Action-2023.pdf) (Ethan) - Proposal to lapse this policy to allow future teams opportunity to engage with the issue in a fresh manner.

[Compulsory Reading Weeks](https://www.uusu.org/pageassets/downloads/Compulsary-Reading-Weeks-2023.pdf) (Emily) - This policy is outdated and needs research to make it relevant & could also be included in the timetabling policy instead of having it as a separate policy.

[Universal Credit](https://www.uusu.org/pageassets/downloads/Universal-Credit-2023.pdf) (Connor) Proposed to lapse to revisit in future.

1. Proposed Retained Policies without Amendments (Pending Update on statistics in part)

[Trilingual Campus](https://www.uusu.org/pageassets/downloads/Trilingual-Campus-2023.pdf) (Daniel)

[Protecting Pollinators](https://www.uusu.org/pageassets/downloads/Protecting-Pollinators-2023.pdf) (Connor).

[Commemorating Victims and Survivors](https://www.uusu.org/pageassets/downloads/Commemorating-Victims-and-Survivors-2023.pdf) (Daniel)

[Instalment of Bidet Showers in accessible bathrooms](https://www.uusu.org/pageassets/student-voice/democracy/policy/Installement-of-Bidet-Showers-in-Accessible-Bathrooms-2023.pdf) (Daniel)

[SWANN](https://www.uusu.org/pageassets/student-voice/democracy/policy/SWANN-2023.pdf) (Daniel)

[LGBTQ+ Lobbying](https://www.uusu.org/pageassets/downloads/LGBTQ-Lobbying-2023.pdf) (Daniel)

[Food Requirements](https://www.uusu.org/pageassets/downloads/Food-Requirements-2023.pdf) (Connor)

[Vegan](https://www.uusu.org/pageassets/downloads/Vegan-2023.pdf) (Connor)

[Timetabling](https://www.uusu.org/pageassets/downloads/Timetabling-2023.pdf) (Emily)

[Mental Health First Aid](https://www.uusu.org/pageassets/downloads/Mental-Health-First-Aid-2023.pdf) (Connor)

[Student Housing Cooperatives](https://www.uusu.org/pageassets/downloads/Student-Housing-Co-operatives-2023-updates-to-links-required.pdf) (Connor)

[KWAF](https://www.uusu.org/pageassets/downloads/KWAF-Policy-2023.pdf) (Connor)

[Student Housing Cooperatives](https://www.uusu.org/pageassets/downloads/Student-Housing-Co-operatives-2023-updates-to-links-required.pdf)

[Good Relations](https://www.uusu.org/pageassets/downloads/Good-Relations-2023.pdf) ([University Policy](https://www.ulster.ac.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0004/487669/UUSU-Good-Relations-Policy.pdf))

1. Proposed Retained Policies with Amendments (These policies will have amended text in the document held in the Amendment folder, Yellow text is new additional text, with red text, text that is to be removed)

[Climate Emergency](https://www.uusu.org/pageassets/downloads/Climate-Emergency-2023.pdf) (Emily) The year needs to change from 2030 to 2050. Now 3rd place with the SOS-UK TeachIn educator engagement.

[Plastic Free](https://www.uusu.org/pageassets/downloads/Plastic-Free-2023.pdf) (Connor). There’s a collection point for single use plastics on the Belfast campus, but it needs to be replicated across campuses and maybe more than one station, as people might be reluctant to walk a distance just to drop off plastic bottles after use.

[Identity Policy](https://www.uusu.org/pageassets/downloads/Identity-Policy-2023.pdf) (Daniel) In council resolves, it needs to include further work to ensure that that the system is accessible, understandable and clear to students, as well as further work on external and internal communication issues.

[Support For Breastfeeding Students](https://www.uusu.org/pageassets/downloads/Support-For-Breastfeeding-Students-2023.pdf) (Emily) Connect to the Childcare policy, highlight that breastfeeding spaces are inadequate for parents if there is no childcare on campus.

[Ensuring Accessible Campuses](https://www.uusu.org/pageassets/downloads/Ensuring-Accessible-Campuses-2023.pdf) (Daniel) lobby university for money for sunflower lanyards/clarification on who actually supplies them, and inclusion of continued work with dean of EDI and their future departments

[Pro Choice Campus](https://www.uusu.org/pageassets/downloads/Pro-Choice-Campus-2023.pdf) (Daniel) include SHAG week and that we will continue to invite pro-choice groups to SHAG week

[Gender Neutral Bathrooms](https://www.uusu.org/pageassets/downloads/Gender-Neutral-Bathrooms-2023.pdf) (Daniel), removal of bidet element, and instead mention pads and tampons being accessible in both women's and men's bathrooms, as well as a stance against any defacing of any existing gender-neutral bathrooms

[Sexual Assault Protocol](https://www.uusu.org/pageassets/downloads/Sexual-Assault-Protocol-2023.pdf) (Ethan)

[Free Education](https://www.uusu.org/pageassets/downloads/Free-Education-2023.pdf) (Finola)

-3rd para, remove “Talented, capable individuals”– ableist language.

> change to “students”

-council resolves “To mandate Student Executive to lobby the Stormont Executive and to lobby the university, to adopt a stance advocating for free higher education.”

> change to “To mandate Student Executive, in collaboration with NUS-USI, to lobby the Stormont Executive for actions towards free or more affordable education and to lobby the university, to adopt a stance advocating for free higher education. To mandate Student Executive to research best practise for advocating for free and more affordable education (i.e Discussions with NUS Scotland).”

[Irish Language Policy](https://www.uusu.org/pageassets/downloads/Irish-Language-Policy-Beartas-na-Gaeilge-2023.pdf) (Daniel)