



Policy name: Brexit

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Student Council notes:

On the 23rd June 2016 the UK voted to leave the European Union with a 51.9% majority.

Student Council believes:

Ulster University has inextricable links with the EU and there is no doubt that students and staff benefit from EU funds and projects.

The potential impact of Brexit on higher education and young people is far reaching.

As negotiation plans are being drawn up it's imperative that MLAs, MP's and MEP's are representing their constituents. It's imperative they are repeating the 26,000 students at Ulster University and securing the best deal for students as the UK withdraws from the EU.

Voters in Northern Ireland opted overwhelmingly to maintain our constitutional position within the EU. It is imperative that public representatives reflect this view and argue accordingly for a special position within the EU for Northern Ireland.

Student Council resolves:

The views of those in higher education and young people must be sought and considered, especially over the next two years.

UUSU should lobby decision makers to deliver a deal with the EU which:

- ensures the continuation of funding previously provided by the EU to higher education;
- allows for easy collaboration with universities in the EU for study and research;
- allows the continuation of student mobility both into and out of the UK.

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