Appendix 1

How to write Students’ Union Policy motions:

Students’ Union policy is decided by our members at student forums which all

students are entitled to attend. Every policy is based on a motion written by a

student. Although there is no compulsory style for motions, they usually follow an

established format.

Motions usually have three different sections:

· This union notes, (facts)

· This union believes, (opinions)

· This union resolves. (actions)

with numbered points beneath. This clearly breaks down what you are trying to say,

and what you are asking the Students’ Union to do.

Of these the ‘This Union resolves’ is the most important as this is the instruction of

what you want the union to do.

Please be specific about what you are trying to achieve and remember that motions

must relate to the Students Union powers. You will need to attend the forum and

speak for one minute to support your motion. Failure to attend will mean your motion

will automatically fall.

If in doubt or want, help with the wording of your motion please contact Khurrum Dar

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