

1183b Defend the right to protest on campus passed 24 October 13

As part of the SOC Report, Council heard a report on changes made by the University to the General Regulations. SOC asked Council for a campaign mandate based on existing UUEAS policy under the heading '**Defend the Right to Protest on Campus**' The following actions were mandated:

1. To begin a campaign against these new regulations, under the banner of "Defend the right to protest at UEA";
2. To invite the University to send a member of the Executive Team to a meeting of Union Council to explain the changes to the General Regulations;
3. To leaflet students and staff, lobby decision-makers, hold demonstrations and organise marches in support of this campaign;
4. The campaign will demand the following:
 - An end to the persecution of student protesters;
 - To allow political leafleting on campus;
 - Abolishing the charge of causing a "nuisance";
 - Abolishing the charge of "improperly disrupting" visitors;
 - Abolishing the charge of "causing loss of funds" to a firm or individual;
 - Abolishing the charge of "disorderly conduct";
 - Abolishing the charge of incitement to disorderly conduct;
 - Introducing a specific mention of the right to protest in the regulations, and an acknowledgement of its protection by the European Convention on Human Rights;
 - That any future university regulations are put through the proper constitutional channels, and are not vaguely worded;
 - That all students are properly consulted on policy that affects them and their behaviour.