

1797 Automatic voting registration on campus

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This Union Notes:

1. That currently the University does not provide an automatic voter registration system.
2. If students would like the opportunity to vote and have a say in elections around the area their university is located in they would have to register themselves to vote, which may have a negative effect on the overall number of votes cast by students.

This Union believes:

1. That we should encourage students to register to vote.
2. That as a union advocating democracy and participation, we should provide materials for, and aid the process for students registering to vote continuously.
3. The success of the "Goats for Votes" campaign last year should be recognised and continued, as we as a students' union should be doing all we can to promote the importance of student voter registration.
4. More students are likely to vote if they are automatically registered.
5. This Union believes that it is important that voter participation is promoted not just during the General election period but local elections as well.

This Union resolves:

1. To lobby the University to adopt a system of automatic student voter registration, to register all intakes of new students who are able to vote at the start of each year.
2. To mandate the student officer committee and directly the Campaigns and Democracy officer to lead on this creating a new campaign highlighting the importance of student participation in local elections not just general elections.