

## **2026 Give Students the Right to Fail** passed 8 December 2016

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**Summary:** A policy to lobby UEA to change their regulations allow students to fail a module if they are happy with their overall grade for the year, and also lobby against resit fees.

### **Union Notes:**

1. That in 2013/14 UEA introduced new regulations for Bachelors and Integrated Masters (BIM) courses called the 'New Academic Model' (NAM).
2. The NAM created regulation that put the emphasis on learning and teaching on a course level, to start removing the emphasis and strength on module learning.
3. The NAM also created legislation that meant students had to pass every module.
4. Learning and Teaching Committee (LTC) recently met to discuss the effects of NAM on BIM regulations as the first students to go through all three years of the regulations have just graduated (2015/16).
5. The effects of NAM effectively meant that even though students who overall were set to achieve 'good honours' (2:1 or 1:1) could not graduate because they had failed one module.
6. LTC agreed to change the BIM regulation for final year students with discretion for those who were still able to achieve good honours.
7. LTC agreed to review BIM regulation around all other years.

### **Union Believes:**

1. That the NAM has given UEA reasoning to cut modules across several courses, where broad module choice was seen as a benefit of the course.
2. That the current BIM regulation causes undue stress on student who were still achieving good honours but failed one module which could be because of several reasons.
3. The current regulation creates additional costs for students, as students

have to pay for re-sits and remarked work.

4. The with the increase in coursework worth 100% of a module, students are failing a year because of one assessment.
5. UEA students have the right to continue their course if they are happy with their own grade, not if UEA wants better good honours statistics.

**Union Resolves:**

1. To lobby UEA to remove the BIM regulations around passing every module for all years.
2. To lobby UEA against further module closures because of NAM.
3. To lobby UEA to stop charging students resit fees.