

This resolution calls for a set framework for the University to engage with student campaigners with a set of standards for the University to adhere to.

2061 Develop and implement a framework setting out the responsibilities of University management when engaging with student-led campaigns

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Union notes:

1. Fossil Free UEA campaigners have not been adequately engaged with by University management, specifically the Vice Chancellor David Richardson.
2. This lack of engagement is indicative of a lack of respect towards student campaigns, and belittles the urgency of the campaign.
3. Throughout the course of our campaign, we have seen promises of meetings broken; for instance, in the 2015/2016 academic year we waited 9 months for a 30-minute meeting.

Union believes:

1. That universities should serve the interests of their student body first and foremost.
2. That university management should therefore engage democratically and respectfully with student campaigns.

Union resolves:

1. To create a concrete, written policy setting out the responsibilities of management when engaging with student campaigns.
2. To include in this policy acknowledgement of receipt of emails, and easily accessible public statements after meetings and after direct action.
3. To include guidelines such as waiting times for meetings, a procedure for complaints if these guidelines are not adhered to and taking minutes of meetings between campaigners and management.