

UEASU for a People's Vote

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Summary

In the last few weeks the Government has postponed meaningful votes and Parliament have become split around the withdrawal agreement that Theresa May has proposed. This motion allows us to take a stance on a final say through lobbying for a second referendum.

Council Notes

1. There will be a second People's Vote March on the 23rd March 2019.
2. The Government's negotiations are creating an uncertain future relationship for the UK within the EU.
3. There is uncertainty around Erasmus funding following the UK leaving the EU on March 29th 2019.
4. There has been an increase in hate crime since the referendum which is predicted to surge following the 29th March 2019.
5. Our policy, 1922 Remain in the EU, ensured that the SU campaigned and lobbied to remain in the EU alongside a number of initiatives to get students registered to vote.
6. Two-thirds of students support a People's Vote.¹

Council Believes

1. In a democracy, people have the right to change their minds.
2. We should be supporting a People's Vote to ensure that a final say is heard on Brexit.
3. There will be damaging repercussions for the higher education sector, specifically UEA, following the UK leaving the EU.
4. That some EU programmes have been and continue to be beneficial for students.

Council Resolves

1. To mandate the Students' Union to call for a people's vote on the terms of the Brexit deal through a People's Vote.
2. To organise and fund transport for students to the 'The People's Vote March' demonstration in London on the 23rd March 2019.

¹ <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/education/education-news/brexit-deal-latest-final-say-referendum-peoples-vote-eu-national-union-student-nus-poll-a8665586.html>

3. To invite students from Norwich University of the Arts (NUA) and City College to use this transportation.
4. The SU to lobby the university to make a commitment to funding for European students.
5. To work with the University of Sanctuary and UEA is united campaign to ensure that students feel safe and welcome at UEA.