

Governance Structure of the Students' Union

TRUSTEE BOARD

7 Sabbatical Trustees elected by cross-campus ballot (1 year term), 5 non-student Trustees, (4-year term, maximum of 2 terms), 2 student Trustees (1-year term, maximum of 2 terms).

The non-student and student Trustees appointed by Appointments Committee

Maintain legal, financial and reputational integrity; set strategic direction; governance, management and administration of the Students' Union; act as guardians of the Students' Union assets, including the building and reserve; delegate powers to the following:

Finance & Risk Committee

Responsible for: setting and monitoring budget delivery, treasury management, debtor recovery, investment performance and any related finance matters; scrutinising risk register; audit delivery

Operations Group

Chaired by the Chief Executive: holds delegated powers for day to day management of the Students' Union, within set policies

Students' Union Council

Senior student representative body responsible for representing and campaigning on students' behalf; delegated authority to formulate proposals for amending policy and procedures

General Meeting

May be called by the Trustees or Students' Union Council to decide on any issue/policy deemed necessary. Open to every full member of NUSU

Annual General Meeting

Required by law to accept End of Year Accounts, ratify Trustees & Auditors; receive reports on Delivery of Strategic Objectives. Open to every student of Newcastle University

Executive Committees, Committees & Forums, Working Committees

Executive Committees

Major sub committees of the SU Council chaired by Sabbatical Officers convey all major representation and activity, have lead on allocating some budgets and have responsibility for further committees and forums.

Executive Committees operate as outlined under individual terms of reference or their own Constitution.

Committees represent a sub group under a particular Executive Committee.

Forums are open meetings that seek general student opinion; membership open and unlimited except that attendees of the liberation forums where a particular minority is being represented, all attendees self-define.

Working Committees are constitutional committees of specific remit and membership, and which aid the day to day operation of the Students' Union.

Committee Line Structures
Students' Union Council

