

## Any full member of Aston Students' Union can submit a motion to Union Council.

If you're an Aston student, and you've opted in to SU membership, then you're a full member. If you're not opted in, you can change this easily by logging on to MAP and changing your settings in the 'Students' Union Membership' section.

### What's a motion?

A motion is a way for members to make changes to how Aston Students' Union is run, or to publicise the Union's position on a particular issue. If the motion is passed (more than 50% of Council attendees vote for the motion), then it becomes Union policy for the next four years.

### What can a motion be about?

A motion can look to amend existing policy, or to establish new policy. It can be about anything that affects a substantial number of Aston students. It could be about:

- How the Students' Union is run;
- A local, national or international issue that significantly affects students;
- An issue within the University or something else on campus.

There are some issues that aren't appropriate topics for a motion:

- Issues that affect a small group of students, like a society;
- Issues that don't affect Aston students;
- Some issues relating to Union budgets, like staffing;

All Students' Union policies must go to the Board of Trustees for ultimate approval. Policies will generally be approved by the Trustees, unless:

- The policy is deemed have a negative impact on the financial, reputational, or legal standing of the Students' Union;
- The policy is obviously frivolous or vexatious.

You can submit your motion by emailing it to [union.voice@aston.ac.uk](mailto:union.voice@aston.ac.uk). This should be done at least 5 working days before the next Union Council.

## Example Union Council Motion

### Motion Title (*summary of the proposal*): Napping Pods in the SU

Proposed by (*your name & student number*): Stu Dent 110493823

### Union Council Notes

In this section, explain the situation as it is **now**. This could be about an issue in national, international or local politics, something within the university or on campus, or something about how the Students' Union works. You could use statistics, accepted opinion, or other context.

1. There are currently no areas to sleep in the Students' Union.
2. It is widely acknowledged that sufficient sleep can aid study and improve student wellbeing.
3. Other Students' Unions have successfully trialled napping pods.

### Union Council Believes

In this section, explain the position you'd like the Union to take on the matter (what should our 'group opinion' be?).

1. That Aston Students' Union should be understanding of its members' need to sleep.
2. That a napping area would improve the wellbeing of Aston students.

### Union Council Resolves

In this section, explain what you would like to be done about the issue. You should also mention who should make the changes necessary (ie. the President, the whole Executive team...)

1. To mandate the President to allocate funding to securing napping pods in the Students' Union.
2. To mandate the whole Executive team to publicise the availability of said pods.