

Union Council Motion

Motion Title: Introduction of a Mature Students' Officer

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Policy due to lapse by: 12th July 2025

Union Council Notes

1. A mature student is used to refer to someone aged 21+ going to university after a hiatus from full-time education. This means anyone who is over 21+ at the beginning of their undergraduate studies or over 25 years of age at the beginning of their postgraduate studies.
2. Mature students often balance their studies alongside work, childcare, and or other caring responsibilities.
3. We have a Mature Students' Common room upstairs in the Students' Union building, but no specific officer representation to represent the voices and views of mature students.

Union Council Believes

1. The Mature Students' Officer shall be a mature student.
2. The Mature Students' Officer will be elected in the Students' Union elections.
3. The Officer would communicate their work in whatever format they feel appropriate whether that is in person and/or online.

Union Council Resolves

1. The Officer will represent Aston mature students' community and be their voice on the issues they face at university.
2. The officer will be expected to listen and address all issues and concerns surrounding their academic experience.
3. The elected Officer shall engage with the University, Union, and other relevant organisations to achieve improvements for mature students on the issues they face as students at university.



4. The Mature Students' Officer will communicate and collaborate with the Sabbatical Officers where necessary.
5. They shall liaise with the members of the relevant clubs, societies, or peer support groups.