

# Policy Handbook 2024 / 2025

## Education/Academic

Policy Title	Votes	Proposed By	Policy	Policy Lapse Date
<b>Student-led, staff supported: Empowering Academic Societies</b>	<b>Votes 54</b> (Likes 54, Dislikes 0)	Sophie Barratt	<p>This policy mandates the Students Union to;</p> <p>To provide clear guidelines to both academic societies and the schools they originate from.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional training for academic society committees</li> <li>• Outlining best practices for both the society and academics</li> <li>• Optional training for academics on how to support academic groups.</li> <li>• Encouraging students to ask for help when needed, but to also be autonomous in their decision-making</li> <li>• Ensure academic groups have the freedom to decide how they run their society without academic pressure or feeling unsupported.</li> </ul>	<b>25/04/2027</b>
<b>Lobby the university so that students have self-certification as an option for non-evidence-</b>	<b>Votes 111</b> (Likes 107, Dislikes 4)	Charlotte Lastowecky	<p>This policy mandates the Students' Union to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lobby the university so that we have self-certification as an option for students who are unable to get evidence, or an emergency happens that they still have the opportunity to complete assignments to the best of their ability</li> </ul>	<b>08/02/2027</b>

<b>based mitigation</b>				
<b>Night Owls Lose Their Nest</b>	<b>Votes 135</b> ( <b>Likes 135,</b> <b>Dislikes 0</b> )	Aman Sahoo	<p>This policy mandates the Students' Union to;</p> <p>Lobby the University Extended Library Hours to supports the academic success of medical students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extend the operating hours of the Preston library during the summer months.</li> <li>• If extending library hours proves challenging, consider providing alternate dedicated study spaces with extended hours. These spaces should ideally have access to strong and stable Wi-Fi ensuring accessibility to online resources.</li> </ul>	<b>08/02/2027</b>

## Welfare Liberation

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<b>Ending Period Poverty University Wide</b>	<b>Votes 54</b> <b>(54 likes,</b> <b>0 Dislikes)</b>	Harley Keasey	This Policy proposes that the SU; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lobby's the University of Central Lancashire to stand up to period poverty and provide sanitary products to students across their campuses.</li> <li>• To further support their students, they should follow the lead of their Student's Union and make period products readily available campus-wide without shame or stigma.</li> </ul>	<b>25/04/2027</b>
<b>UCLan to support Care Leavers and Care Experienced Students by expressing an interest in signing the NNECL Quality Mark</b>	<b>Votes 58</b> <b>(58 likes,</b> <b>0 Dislikes)</b>	Jodie Roberts	This Policy propose that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To lobby the University to put forward an expression of interest in signing up to the "National Network for Care Leavers (NNECL,)" quality charter mark.</li> <li>• This is not a one-off charter mark which should encourage the university to consistently uphold their commitments to students. The framework will cover the entire student lifecycle from outreach to graduation and onwards. #</li> </ul> <p>This is especially important for UCLAN as a widening participation university.</p>	<b>08/02/2027</b>

<p><b>Working Towards a Conversion Therapy Ban as a Students' Union and Community</b></p>	<p><b>Votes 61</b> <b>(59 likes, 2 Dislikes)</b></p>	<p>Avery Greatorex</p>	<p>This Policy propose that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UCLan SU supports student action toward a national conversion therapy ban.</li> <li>• UCLan Students' Union activity extends the union's advocacy beyond campus borders to create a safer and more inclusive environment for all students across the country.</li> <li>• UCLan Students' Union should push for the National Union of Students (NUS) to work towards a ban.</li> </ul> <p>Include campaigning for the NUS to condemn conversion practices for LGBTQ+ individuals at NUS annual conference, uniting the national student voice against the practice.</p>	<p><b>16/11/2026</b></p>
<p><b>A progressive UCLan Preferred Name Policy</b></p>	<p><b>Votes 81</b> <b>(77 Likes, 4 Dislikes)</b></p>	<p>Avery Greatorex</p>	<p>This policy proposes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lobby's UCLan for a clear and progressive preferred name policy that includes a clear framework on how to change a preferred name and what will be changed.</li> </ul> <p>The Preferred name policy which includes preferred names on communications, diplomas, and the online student directory</p>	<p><b>16/11/2026</b></p>
<p><b>A New Representative for Care Experienced Students</b></p>	<p><b>54 Votes</b> <b>(Likes 52, Dislikes 2)</b></p>	<p>Joseph Bigland</p>	<p>This policy proposes to Lobby the Students Union to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Add care experienced representative on student council</li> </ul>	<p><b>10/11/2025</b></p>

## General

Policy Title	Votes	Proposed By	Policy (if passed)	Policy Lapse Date
<b>Starbucks</b>	<b>Votes 153</b> <b>(125 likes,</b> <b>28</b> <b>Dislikes)</b>	Gemma Scott	This Policy Proposes that the SU to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove Starbucks and replace with an ethical coffee company.</li> </ul>	<b>25/04/2027</b>
<b>Any Past Travel History?.... Just Burnley</b>	Votes 167 <b>(Likes 165,</b> <b>Dislikes 2)</b>	Aman Sahoo	This Policy mandates the SU to; <p>Lobby the university to implementation of a paid shuttle bus service from Preston to Burnley campus promises multifaceted benefits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Financially, it alleviates the burden on students, offering a cost-effective alternative to the current individual train expenses.</li> <li>Beyond the financial aspect, the shuttle bus ensures a more tailored and convenient transportation solution. With a schedule synchronized to class timings, students can seamlessly transition from campus activities to their commute, reducing stress and enhancing overall efficiency.</li> </ul>	<b>08/02/2027</b>
<b>Stop Charging extra for dairy-free</b>	Votes 66 <b>(Likes 62,</b> <b>Dislikes 12)</b>	Brett Walmsley	This Policy proposes to;	<b>16/11/2026</b>

<b>milk substances in Campus Coffee Shops</b>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mandate the SU to Lobby the University to make shops and cafes on campus to price alternative milk options to be the same price as the dairy ones.</li> <li>• Ensure that no one should have to pay more due to an intolerance.</li> </ul>	
<b>Prayer Spaces In Harrington and The Library</b>	<b>Votes 73 (Likes 71, Dislikes 2)</b>	Nisha Ogunrinde	<p>This policy proposes to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lobby's UCLan for a simple room or space that can be separated into a brothers and sisters side in Harrington and Library</li> <li>• That room should adheres with the religious requirements. Preferably open for as long as possible as well.</li> </ul>	<b>16/11/2026</b>
<b>Bring back the Minibuses</b>	Votes 113 (Likes 113, Dislikes 0)	Sally Coventry	<p>This policy resolves to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bring ease to societies for events and travelling purposes.</li> </ul>	<b>20/04/2026</b>
<b>Separate the BAME Rep to the Individual Ethnic Group Representatives</b>	Votes 59 (Likes 51, Dislikes 8)	Oluwadam isola Sulaiman	<p>This policy resolves to lobby the SU to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allows for ethnic groups to be properly and accurately represented on Students Council. Creation of Arab, Asian and Black Students Representatives Roles of Students' Council</li> </ul>	<b>23/02/2026</b>
<b>Supporting Teaching strikes</b>	Votes 63 (Likes 53, Dislikes 10)	SU Education	<p>This policy resolves to</p>	<b>23/02/2026</b>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support teaching staff during strikes because the way they are treated directly impacts the teaching students receive.</li> </ul>	
<b>Thoughts on separate Emails for every Student</b>	59 Votes <b>(Likes 53, Dislikes 6)</b>	Angela Intel	<p>This policy proposes to:</p> <p>An easy solution for every Student group to have a separate email regarding all the necessary information being sent to one account that all committee members can have access to! The Students' Union themselves have been pushing for this idea but there's no harm in students having their say in this too.</p>	<b>14/11/2027</b>
<b>Bring back the Cafe in the Media Factory!</b>	82 Votes <b>(Likes 78, Dislikes 4)</b>	Abigail Beavan	<p>This policy proposes to: Make the space a University ran cafe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More affordable for students!</li> <li>Provides healthy and fulfilling meals - People will maintain and respect the space.</li> <li>Social area for staff and students</li> <li>Easier for people to get food if they're on practical courses. and/or have mobility issues.</li> <li>A space for visitors when seeing shows or guests on campus.</li> </ul>	<b>14/11/2027</b>
<b>Introduce a Free Breakfast Club to help with the Cost of Living</b>	199 Votes 197 Positive 2 Negative	Tin Chak Yee	<p>This policy proposes to: • Lobby the university to introduce a Free Breakfast Club, providing students with healthy food (such as porridge and fruit) before they head to lecture.</p>	<b>13/ 02/2028</b>