



Union Council Motion

Title of motion:

Removal of Postgraduate Forums (PG forums)

What do you want to change?

Remove PG Forums as they do not follow how we represent PG students now.

Why do you want to change it?

PG forums were first run during the last academic year, 2019-20. However, for all intents and purposes, they have failed to do what they were meant to do. Attendance at those that faculties were able to schedule was low and frustrated both students and staff, with postgraduate taught students preferring Student-Staff Forums to the PG forums.

However, during the course of the academic year, we have been able to organise an "Open Forum" specifically for Postgraduate Research students (in partnership with the Doctoral college) to meet with PGR students, receive feedback from them and clarify issues where misunderstandings or concerns exist between staff & students. So far, this has been led by the Postgraduate Research Students Officer from Hull University Students Union with the President of Education in a supporting capacity.

At the last of these forums, PGR students said that they preferred not to meet too often in order not to dilute the relevance of the forums. They also said they preferred how the forums were set up and would prefer to continue with them. It is with this in mind that as we keep making moves to find better ways to engage with PG students, I propose that we remove the more general PG forums

What do you want Hull University Union to do?:

Support the removal of PG Forums.

Proposer: Simeon Orduen (President of Education)

Seconder: Emily Birch (Postgraduate Research Students Officer)