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Registration of Students to Vote in upcoming elections

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Union Notes:

1. That in May 2011 there will be both local elections and a referendum on the electoral system in the UK.
2. That in the General Election in 2010 the previous executive mobilised students to vote, and 1,200 students on campus voted, and that this was pivotal in the Norwich South election result.
3. That the elections will be held at a time when many students may be at home, as it is before the official start date of the third term.

Union Believes:

1. We should encourage the voices of students to be heard on all levels of the democratic process, whether Local, National, or European.
2. That if we encourage voter registration in local elections then local politicians will be more likely to take student issues more seriously.
3. That the referendum on electoral reform tackles a big issue over how the country will be run and we should encourage our students to be aware of the debate, and make an informed choice.
4. That students should be made aware of all voting options, especially postal ballots as they should be able to vote as long as they

Union Resolves:

1. To mandate the Student Officer Committee to organise a voter registration and awareness campaign so students are fully informed of their choices in terms of how they can vote.
2. To mandate the Student Officer Committee to run awareness campaigns about the referendum and local elections.
3. To mandate the Student Officer Committee to investigate holding a debate and or hustings to publicise the referendum and local elections and enable students to make an informed choice.