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Students' Union

PURPOSE

To ensure effective and productive relationships between the college and the Students' Union.

SCOPE

All Dudley College of Technology students and staff

INTRODUCTION

“The Education Act 1994: Student Union Reform” places legal responsibilities upon the institution to ensure that any Students' Union or similar student body operates in a fair and democratic manner, is accountable for its finances and works to its own written constitution.

Learner led learner voice processes at Dudley College of Technology are in the main organised and facilitated by the Students' Union. The Unions primary role is to autonomously represent and fight for the interests and needs of the student membership, striving for outstanding teaching and learning, services and facilities across college through negotiation, lobby and campaigning activity. Naturally the Union also views part of its remit as promoting an overall excellent student experience.

Ultimately at the heart of all Union activity is to ensure quality education, and the Union is ideally placed to work with the college to drive development across all areas of the institution.

PROCEDURE

- I. Dudley College of Technology shall have a named Student Development Officer who is responsible for liaising with the Union on a day-to-day basis; working with the Union to provide social, recreational and welfare activities on behalf of the student body; promoting engagement and participation by students in Students' Union affairs and assisting with the development of Union procedures and management.

2. In accordance with the requirements of legislation the Students' Union shall have its own Code of Practice and Constitution which are separate and distinct from college procedures. The Student Development Officer is responsible for the creation, negotiation and updating of these documents in conjunction with the Students' Union Executive.
3. The Student Development Officer shall ensure that the Union operates to its own Code of Practice and Constitution and shall flag up any issues and concerns to their line manager, in the first instance. The College Corporation have ultimate responsibility in ensuring the Union operate within the auspices of these documents.
4. Copies of the Students' Union Constitution and Code of Practice can be obtained from the Students' Union Office, room B6, Broadway Campus or by contacting the Student Development Officer - sophia.daly@dudleycol.ac.uk
5. The Students' Union is committed to ensuring student representation across the college and will work with the college to ensure that there are representatives on the Corporation and College committees where appropriate.

Associated documents

[POL-010 Learner Involvement Policy](#)

Students' Union Code of Practice (available from B4)

Students' Union Constitution (available from B4)