

Proposer: Mollie Kneath (Education Officer)

Secunder: Daniel Nasr (President)

Emergency Motion: Reject the NUS National Ballot

The Union Notes:

- There is a Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) being introduced by the Conservative Government which allows universities to raise their fees based on a series of metrics including the NSS.
- Goldsmiths Students' Union unanimously voted to Boycott the NSS as one tactic to oppose the TEF.
- The NSS Boycott was part of policy passed at the National Union of Students National Conference in April 2016.
- This policy was put forward by delegates from Goldsmiths SU and Kings College London SU.
- A thorough consultation process was carried out by the NUS to individual SUs to understand what action officers would like to take. 91% came out in favour of NSS action.
- For the first time ever a National Ballot has been called to ask 'should NUS conduct and publish a risk assessment and equality impact assessment before finalising the NSS boycott/sabotage?'

The Union Believes:

- Democratic mandate passed at National Conference should be respected and acted upon.
- The National Ballot is a political tactic being used to undermine the policy passed at National Conference and the work of the VP Higher Education since then.
- That the NSS Boycott is the most effective method of highlighting the flaws present in the TEF, as well as the most practical method of opposition.

The Union Resolves:

- That Goldsmiths SU votes NO to the National Ballot