

**WSU Policy Number:** To be filled in by the SU (when passed)

**Policy Proposal:** Module Withdrawal Procedures

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<b>Student Number:</b>	<b>20009076</b>
<b>Seconding Student's Name:</b>	
<b>Student Number:</b>	
<b>Facts: What is the issue you're trying to address? What do we already know about this issue?</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within the past year, a number of modules have been withdrawn from selection due to low student numbers across courses. This is wrong and should not be the case, however, due to costs, staff and timetabling, this cannot realistically be prevented.</li> </ul>	
<b>Impacts: How does this issue affect students, and in what way? Is it negative?</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The module withdrawal limits students' motivation and engagement, as students are forced to choose modules that don't interest them or support them with future career paths.</li> <li>• As a result module withdrawal, modules are automatically selected on behalf of students, with no/little consideration of individual preferences, meaning students must change modules.</li> <li>• Furthermore, communication about module withdrawal is limited, with minimal warning or notification about the process.</li> </ul>	
<b>Reacts: What would you like the Students' Union to do to address the issue? How do we need to take it forward?</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The student union should lobby the University to implement a module withdrawal policy, to outline the necessary steps when modules are withdrawn. The aims of the policy should be:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Communication with students should be clearer and more transparent about the possibility of module withdrawal.</li> <li>○ To make this process more transparent, the University should ask students for back-up module preferences.                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ To include the use of preferential back up modules when considering module withdrawals.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Lastly, the University should be more honest about the possibility of modules being withdrawn and inform students that module withdrawal is possible if numbers are not sufficient.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

