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Cardiff & Vale College, City Centre Campus

NUS Wales Black Students' Conference 2016

Motions Document

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No to working with UKIP

Proposed by: Swansea University Students' Union

Conference believes:

- 1. A motion was passed at NUS Wales conference for NUS Wales to work constructively with UKIP.
- 2. Black students walked out of the conference in protest to this motion.
- 3. NUS Wales black students don't think NUS Wales working with UKIP will further the interests of student NUS represents
- 4. NUS Wales black students, BME officers and the NUS Black students officers will therefore refuse to work with UKIP under any circumstances.

Conference further believes:

- 1. Equality is one of the core values of NUS and UKIP is a party that shows it's not in favour of equality. A party that has homophobic, xenophobic, racist, sexist and islamophobic views should not be engaged with in discussions.
- 2. Liberation should be at the heart of NUS Wales and black students feel uncomfortable with the idea of working with a party that dismisses them.
- 3. Many high profile members have espoused bigoted and offensive views towards minority groups which include black people.
- 4. Therefore NUS Wales black students refuse to work with them.

Conference resolves:

- 1. NUS Wales black students campaign will under no circumstances engage with UKIP on any level.
- 2. NUS Wales black students will not give UKIP a platform in our conferences or spaces
- 3. NUS Wales black students campaign will challenge NUS Wales NEC on their reasons for working with UKIP
- 4. NUS Wales black students will make sure NUS Wales NEC is aware of how UKIP undermines NUS's stance on liberation and fight for NUS Wales NEC to change their stance on working with UKIP.
- 5. NUS Wales black students have the right to walk out and not participate in any of NUS Wales's spaces that involve UKIP.

Part time pay for the NUS Wales Black student's officer

Proposed by: Swansea University Students' Union

Conference believes:

- 1. The black student officer Wales is required to represent all black students in Wales
- 2. The black students officer is part time and has to juggle this with their studies
- 3. Consideration should also be given to the demands of the job and time spent away attending conferences
- 4. Conference believes paying the black students officer on a part time basis will help them carry out their job more effectively.

Conference further believes:

- 1. Liberation is at the heart of NUS and the black student officer has to look after the needs of black students in Wales and deserves to be paid for it.
- 2. The officer also has to deal with the emotional aspects of the role and sometimes the stresses that come with being a NUS officer.
- 3. If the officer was getting paid then they would not be stressed out by their own financial needs while doing the job.
- 4. A lot needs to be done with the black students campaign in Wales and if the Women's Officer gets paid, it's unfair for other liberation officers to do this work with no pay.

Conference resolves:

- 1. The NUS Wales black students officer should get paid part time
- 2. The elected black students officer and NUS Wales shall discuss the terms of this pay and come to an agreement.

Adequate training

Proposed by: Swansea University Students' Union

Conference believes:

- 1. The NUS Wales black student's officer, BME officers and the NUS Wales black students committee should receive adequate training from NUS Wales.
- 2. BME officers complain they are not receiving useful or no training from their student unions.
- 3. This should not be a hindrance to them doing their job

Conference further believes:

- 1. Liberation is at the heart of NUS Wales and BME officers need to be given proper training to do their jobs well.
- 2. BME officers, the NUS Wales black students officer and the NUS Wales black students committee should be able to complain to NUS Wales directly if NUS Wales NEC, Student unions and the NUS Wales full time officers are hindering them doing their job or not being helpful.

Conference resolves:

- 1. NUS Wales will provide adequate training for BME officers
- 2. NUS Wales will give BME officers, the NUS Wales black students committee and the NUS Wales black students' officer a safe space and place to complain by allowing them to complain directly to NUS Wales.

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