

Boycotting NSS

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The Union notes

- That the National Student Survey constitutes one of the metrics for the Teaching Excellence Framework, which will be used as a way of ranking universities, with the higher ranked institutions being able to potentially raise tuition fees in line with inflation.
- This means that students giving positive scores on the NSS could be inadvertently helping increase tuition costs for future students.
- That part-time officers of the Students' Union are being asked to help promote NSS.
- That the current Union stance clearly states that we are opposed to future tuition fee rises.
- This linkage between TEF and tuition fees is now being challenged by the House of Lords, and so it is more important (and opportune) than ever to push for TEF to be delinked from tuition fee rises.

The Union believes

- That it is the responsibility of a union to fight for the best deal for students.
- That ever-increasing costs of tuition are to the detriment of students, and therefore as a Students' Union we should not be aiding any activity that could potentially raise the costs of tuition fees, or legitimises such a system of increasing costs for university education.
- That by aiding the promotion of NSS in any way, we are in conflict with our clear stance against tuition fee rises.

The Union resolves

- To refuse to aid in the promotion of NSS and to ensure our policy is one of official opposition to NSS whilst it is still linked to tuition fees.
- To join NUS in calling for the House of Commons to accept the amendment made by the House of Lords that would call for TEF to be delinked from tuition fee rises by lobbying our local MP, putting out statements and supporting Lincoln students in engaging in national activism/protests to this end.
- To continue to engage with both the university and the government in reform to NSS and the TEF, particularly regarding its role in 'justifying' tuition fee rises.