

Defend Archaeology modules.

This Union notes:

1. That SAGE (School of Archaeology, Geographical and Environmental Sciences) and SLS (School of Life Sciences) were merged in 2006 creating AGES (Division of Archaeology, Geographical and Environmental Sciences) as a division of SLS.
2. That this merger was subject to great debate and conditions which were placed upon the merger by Senate, the highest academic body at Bradford.
3. That since the merger AGES courses have suffered.
4. Archaeology bachelors changed their optional modules to an extent that now some students find it difficult to specialise.
5. That the University of Bradford Union and over 40 students called for reassurances at Senate of the future for AGES/SAGE.
6. The Pro-Vice Chancellor Teaching and Learning agreed to meet with the students, which he did, he then promised an answer to questions by Friday 4th April. This answer has now been received and the division is working hard to meet all students' needs.

This Union believes:

1. That all changes to degrees should only ever affect new students and those changes for existing students should always be optional for those students.
2. That the University makes a commitment in law when students arrive on the provision that they should receive and this has not been adhered to.
3. Archaeology students should have the fullest range of choice for their final year.
4. That the Union should fight any changes that erode a world class department.
5. That in the future there should be better communications between staff and students regarding the changes.
6. That AGES staff have been supportive and the students are comfortable with the changes.

This Union resolves:

1. To fight for Archaeology and the division (AGES) as a whole to be protected from detrimental changes.
2. To not allow this to be another Languages where the University acts in an underhand manner changing the goal post and shutting the degree provision.
3. For the Academic Affairs Officer to lead negotiations and if they breakdown to use direct action to show the feeling of students.
4. For the Union to protect any student or staff member that is singled out for action by the University.
5. For this policy to be reviewed in a year's time.

Proposed and Seconded by **Executive Committee**

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