



MOTION TO COUNCIL TEMPLATE

Completed motions must be sent to chair@cambridgesu.co.uk by 5pm on the Monday before the next Student Council.

The total length of your motion should be 500 words or fewer.

MOTION TO [INSERT SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE AIM OF THE MOTION]

Proposer:

Seconder:

[Any two students can propose and second a motion. If you hold a position on Council or that's relevant to the motion you can put it here, but that is not required. You should be prepared to attend a Council meeting, make a short speech introducing it and take questions on the motion.]

Cambridge SU Notes:

This section outlines the context for your motion, and the situation that has led to you to bring it to Student Council. It should aim to be relatively neutral and establish facts. See below for some examples of useful things to include in the Notes section.

1. According to research conducted by X, Y percentage of students suffer from this problem.
2. Cambridge University has recently...
3. Previous action taken by the SU/students on this issue includes....

Cambridge SU Believes:

In this section you should outline the principles or values that should lead Cambridge SU to take a stance or take action. These can relate to Cambridge SU's purpose, can be moral or ethical principles, or can tie into broader goals of the SU or student body.

1. All students have a right to...
2. This issue is having a negative impact by...
3. In order to achieve our aims of [wider issue] the SU must...

Cambridge SU Resolves:

In this section you should outline what you want Cambridge SU to actually do. You can have more than one action here, but you should be realistic about what is within the SU's ability/resources. It's better to give general goals (eg Lobby the University to X) than to make up specifics if you aren't sure about the best next steps on an issue, but if you do have specific actions you want from the SU then be specific about them.

Try to avoid motions that just ask the SU to take a stance or make a statement - there's almost always something specific that can be done that will make a material difference on your issue.

There are some restrictions on what the SU can do, which mostly relate to charity law. The most important to be aware of are that Cambridge SU cannot donate money, and it cannot act in a way that is party-political.

If any of your Resolves points would cost money, you should estimate how much and include in your motion a request to allocate that amount from the 'Council Free Budget' to these actions.

1. To write to the Vice-Chancellor asking for...
2. To host an event to raise awareness about...
3. To raise the issue with the University...
4. To sign a pledge...
5. To participate in a campaign action
6. To inform students about...