

PAPER X

Coversheet element	Content
Paper	Student Engagement Framework Proposal
Meeting	Student Experience Committee: 4 th February 2026
Purpose of paper/ presentation	This paper provides a brief proposal for a student engagement framework for discussion. The student engagement framework intends to lay out expectations for student engagement within Lancaster University and its partnership with Lancaster University Students Union (LUSU).
Intended outcome	The Committee is invited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss the paper regarding creating a student engagement framework• Agree to continue the direction of travel to produce a student engagement framework
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Dependencies or other implications	N/A

Next steps	Continue work with stakeholders to develop a Student Engagement Framework with aim to come to the May 2026 meeting of Student Experience Committee
Restricted business	No Restriction: Open Item
Estimated time in meeting	15 minutes
Paper/presentation development	<p>Rory O’Ceallaigh <u>President of LU Students’ Union</u></p> <p>Liz Gillett <u>Education Officer, LU Students’ Union</u></p> <p>Frank Longdon <u>Student Voice and Insight Manager, LU Students’ Union</u></p>
Equality, diversity and inclusion considerations	The framework seeks to reinforce EDI considerations in student consultation
Date paper produced	<i>23 January 2026</i>

Student Engagement Framework Proposal

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 We are seeking to establish a framework for future student engagement, formally setting out and agreeing upon the processes for how and when students are consulted in projects of Lancaster University.
- 1.2 This paper aims to lay out a brief overview of points for a student engagement for discussion for further development of a framework.

2. Context

- 2.1 LUSU and the University feel the need for this Student Engagement Framework arises from reflections on experiences of recent large-scale change projects. We aim to create a resource that will provide clear guidance for staff, whilst ensuring adequate consultation of students takes place.

3. Principles for discussion

- 3.1 The Student Engagement Framework would work on the basis of a set of principles which LUSU would like to see developed in partnership with Lancaster University. It is believed that these principles should include the following:
 - 3.1.1 Students must be consulted where they are deemed to be stakeholders in a project or change.
 - 3.1.2 Student consultation in all cases must endeavour to be meaningful, striving to embed student voice into all project stages, from conception and design, to implementation, and review.
 - 3.1.3 A timeline for, and outline of, engagement of all stakeholders must be made available to stakeholders at the commencement of the project or change programme.
 - 3.1.4 Student consultation and engagement must be sought via the recognised representative body for students (LUSU).
 - 3.1.5 Students partaking in consultation and engagement work must receive adequate training and support in preparation and for throughout the process, agreed by LUSU and Lancaster University. Where especially burdensome, students should be remunerated for their time.
 - 3.1.6 Adequate evidence is collected to demonstrate the extent of student involvement and consultation.

3.2 These principles do not intend to introduce barriers to student consultation done by Lancaster University, instead they look to ensure an appropriate cross section of the student body is considered, and enable us to support students throughout the consultation process.

4. Recommendations

4.1 The Committee is invited to:

- **Discuss** this paper.
- **Agree** to continue on the direction of travel to produce a Student Engagement Framework

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