Decision-making Structures of the Students’ Union

Campus wide referendum (e.g. NUS Affiliation)

TRUSTEE BOARD
6 Sabbatical Trustees elected by cross-campus ballot (normally 1 year term, maximum of 2 years), 4 non-student Trustees (4-year term, maximum of 2 terms) 2 student Trustees (1-year term, maximum of 2 terms). The non-student and student Trustees appointed by Appointments Committee

Maintain legal, financial and reputational integrity; set strategic direction; governance, management and administration of the Students’ Union; act as guardians of the Students’ Union assets, including the building and reserve; delegate powers to the

Operations Group
Chaired by the Chief Executive: holds delegated powers for day to day management of the Students’ Union, within set policies

Union Council
Responsible for representing and campaigning on students’ behalf; determine and enact policies of the Students’ Union; hold delegated powers from the Trustees to amend the Constitution; pursue any affairs agreed with the Trustees

General Meeting
May be called by the Trustees or Union Council to decide on any issue/policy deemed necessary. Open to every student of Newcastle University, who follows the appropriate process.

Annual General Meeting
Required by law to accept End of Year Accounts, ratify Trustees & Auditors; receive reports on Delivery of Strategic Objectives. Open to every student of Newcastle University
Executive Committees

Top line committees that set agendas for the year; where all major representation and activity is coordinated; some budgetary spending is agreed; each chaired by a Sabbatical Officer and has responsibility for further committees, sub councils and forums.

Committees represent a sub group under a particular Executive Committee.

Sub Councils are bodies that have their own constitutions and whilst represented via a particular Executive, function independently although are accountable to Union Council.

Forums are open meetings that seek general student opinion; membership open and unlimited except that attendees of the LGBT forum must self-define as either lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender.

Working Committees are Constitutional committees of specific remit and membership, and which aid the day to day operation of the Students’ Union.