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*Schedule Two: Referendum and Results including amendments to  
the Constitution*

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Year	Topic of Motion	Count	Yes	No	Spoil or Abstain	Result
2002	Nestle Ban	?	?	?	?	Yes
2002	Student Centre Levy*	?	?	?	?	Yes
2003	UL Arena Levy	?	?	?	?	Yes
2004	Disaffiliate from USI	?	?	?	?	Yes
2006	Constitutional Referendum Advisory Committee	786	681	77	28	Yes
2007	Constitutional Referendum	143	134	5	4	Yes
2007	Fair Trade Policy	147	140	5	2	Yes
2007	UL Arena Levy	147	88	56	3	Yes
2008	Constitutional Referendum Clubs & Societies Officer	?	807	?	?	Yes
2008	Constitutional Referendum Sports Officer	?	784	?	?	Yes
2009	Overturn Nestlé Ban	950	571	353	26	Yes
2009	Constitutional Review	967	701	170	94	Yes
2011	Coca Cola Ban	329	139	189	1	No
2011	Constitutional Review	180	172	6	2	Yes
2012	Constitutional Review	1397	1154	146	97	Yes
2013	Constitutional Review	998	871	80	47	Yes
2013	Constitutional Review	998	876	86	30	Yes
2013	Constitutional Review	998	868	91	38	Yes
2013	Careers Levy	329	112	217	3	No
2016	Amendments to the Constitution	387	368	17	2	Yes
2018	Amendments to the Constitution	479	469	8	2	Yes
2018	Amendment to Article 11.5 to allow for voting MISU Elections, By-Elections & Referenda to be conducted through electronic ballot	465	453	12	0	No – as Quorum not reached
2019	Amendment to Article 11.5 to allow for voting MISU Elections, By-Elections & Referenda to be conducted through electronic ballot	539	507	26	6	No – as Quorum not reached
2019	Amendment to Article 11.5 to allow for voting MISU Elections, By-Elections & Referenda to be conducted through electronic ballot	995	947	36	12	Approved – Quorum reached

2021	<p><u>Amendment to Articles 9 &amp; 10</u> - introduction of new part-time officership roles to replace some of the current p/t roles</p> <p><u>Amendment to Article 11.3.1</u> – change of time for the closing of nominations</p> <p><u>Amendment to Article 11.3.2</u> – change of time for the closing of the extension to nominations.</p>	674 674 674	630 494 509	43 169 150	1 11 15	Approved – Quorum of 639 reached Both 11.3.1 & 11.3.2 approved – Quorum of 639 reached
2023	<p><u>Amendments to Articles 9 &amp; 10</u> - introduce a 3rd Sabbatical Officership; Vice-President Student Experience &amp; Wellbeing to the MISU Executive Committee.</p> <p><u>Amend Article. 18</u> - Finance to include regulations for financial management &amp; procedures.</p> <p><u>Amend Article. 19</u> - Change MISU Advisory Committee to MISU Management Advisory Board.</p>	800 780 767	775 764 729	25 16 38	0 0 0	Approved – Quorum of 656 reached for all motions.
2026	<p>Adopt a new democratic ecosystem for MISU to replace the current failing representative democracy structures. To adopt this new democratic ecosystem, the following Articles of the MISU Constitution will need to be amended:</p> <p><u>Article 5.</u> Governance</p> <p><u>Article 8.</u> Management Board (currently Article 19)</p> <p><u>Article 9.</u> (NEW) Democracy and Student Voice Framework</p> <p><u>Article 10.</u> Advocacy Officer Team (currently Article 10. Executive Committee)</p> <p><u>Articles 11-20.</u> Renumbered and updated to remove references to Union Council and Class Representatives and align with new democratic framework;</p> <p><u>Article 11.</u> Amendments</p> <p><u>Article 12.</u> Accountability and Discipline</p> <p><u>Article 13.</u> Indemnity</p> <p><u>Article 14.</u> Elections</p> <p><u>Article 15.</u> Interpretation</p> <p><u>Article 16.</u> Autonomy</p> <p><u>Article 17.</u> Affiliations</p> <p><u>Article 18.</u> Finance</p> <p><u>Article 19.</u> General Manager</p> <p><u>Article 20.</u> Standing Orders</p>	1,027	860	167	0	Approved – Quorum of 645 reached. The new constituent will come into effect on 15 June 2026.

\* The college is embarking on an exciting new capital investment programme which will see major new buildings on the campus and the removal of outdated and inefficient buildings. The Student Union is participating in this development with the construction of a new Student Centre which will include Student Union administration, accommodation and much needed student facilities. It is proposed to include a Student Union Shop, Café Bar and Multi- purpose Room which will be funded by a student levy. The Student Centre will also

house Medical and Counselling and Banking facilities. The levy of €35, which was approved by a student referendum, will be introduced as follows:

- September 2002 – All first-year undergraduate students and Second year B.A. students.
- September 2003 – All full-time undergraduate and post graduate students.
- September 2004 to September 2012 – All students will pay the levy which will be index linked to inflation for the duration.

Due to the failure in 2002 to acquire funding from the government, the building and the levy was put on hold, in 2007 the Levy was reintroduced.

### ***Amendments to the Constitution***

<b>Year</b>	<b>Topic</b>
<b>2008</b>	Amendments to the role of Societies and Sports Officers.
<b>2010</b>	Review of Entire Constitution approved on 15 <sup>th</sup> April.
<b>2011</b>	Amendments to Referendum turnout, Meetings and officials of Union Council, Vice-President/Academic Officer, Societies Officer, Clubs and Sports Officer, Returning Officer, Nominations for Elections and Voting. Approved on 24 <sup>th</sup> November.
<b>2012</b>	Amendments relating to voting, general meetings, AGM, Class Reps, Union Council, President, Welfare and Equality Officer, Entertainments Officer, Culture and Irish Officer, Affiliations and Sub Committees of Union Council. Approved 8 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>2013</b>	Amendments relating to class reps, Postgraduate Officer and voting. Approved 7 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>2016</b>	Amendments to incorporate the students at the Thurles College campus into the MISU Governance structures. Approved 21.04.2016
<b>2018</b>	Full Constitutional Review – approved on 15.02.2018
<b>2019</b>	Article 11.5 amended to allow for voting in MISU elections, by-elections and referenda to be conducted through electronic ballot (e-ballot) and to include a provision to allow for a paper ballot in such instances where the electronic voting system is unavailable. Article 11.6 (Long Distance Vote) and Article 11.7 (Count) also amended as a result.
<b>2021</b>	Article 9 amended to include new part-time roles on the MISU Executive; introduction of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Officer, Student Activities Officer (Limerick) and Student Activities Officer (Thurles). Postgrad Officership updated to a paid part-time role, Welfare & Equality Officer amended to Welfare Officer and Irish & Culture Officer amended to Irish Language Officer with Culture falling into the role of the EDI officer. Clubs & Sports Officer removed Societies Officer removed. Article 10 – details of each of the new officerships added Article 11.3.1 and 11.3.2 – closing time for nominations and the extension period of nominations changed from 5:00pm to 2:00pm.

<p><b>2023</b></p>	<p>Article 9 amended to include the title of the third Sabbatical Officership: Vice-President Student Experience &amp; Wellbeing.</p> <p>Article 10 amended to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• include details of the new Sabbatical Officership and to update the details of the existing President and Vice-President Sabbatical Officerships.</li> <li>• Include a section on the collective responsibilities of the Sabbatical Officerships</li> <li>• Include the translation for An tOifigeach Gaeilge (Irish Language Officer).</li> <li>• Update the responsibilities of the Non-Sabbatical Executive Officers (Part-Time Officers).</li> </ul> <p>Article 18 was amended to include that financial management &amp; procedures are carried out in line with the financial controls as documented in the Internal Financial Procedures manual.</p> <p>Article 19 was amended to change the MISU Advisory Committee to MISU Management Advisory Board and to include in the article a reference to the Schedule of Matters for the Board. (Schedule was approved by Union Council on 01.02.2023)</p>
<p><b>2026</b></p>	<p>New constitution adopted which will come into effect on 15 June 2026. The constitution provides for a new democratic system which incorporates the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>3 Advocacy Officers</b> (1 full-time President, 2 part-time) - pure advocacy/representation only, no operational responsibilities, working collaboratively without fixed portfolios</li> <li>• <b>4 Student Community Organisers</b> (paid, 8-10 hrs/week) - conducting listening, identifying issues, supporting student-led Campaign Teams</li> <li>• <b>Learning Representatives</b> (recruited and paid) - replacing class reps for academic representation on faculty boards and committees</li> <li>• <b>Student Confidence Conference</b> (15-20 randomly selected students, at least twice yearly) - accountability mechanism using sortition instead of elections</li> <li>• <b>Democratic Procedures Committee</b> (randomly selected students, as needed) - constitutional amendments, major policies, governance oversight</li> <li>• <b>Ideas and Petitions Platform</b> (digital, accessible) - low-barrier channel for students to submit issues, show support, track status</li> <li>• <b>Campaign Teams/Action Squads</b> (issue-specific, student-formed, supported by Student Community Organisers) - replacing top-down campaigns</li> </ul> <p>The Governance of the Union will take place on the following hierarchical levels (Article 5)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Referendum</li> <li>• Union General Meeting</li> <li>• Management Board</li> <li>• Democracy and Student Voice framework bodies</li> <li>• Advocacy Officer Team</li> </ul> <p>The new constitution is principles based with operational detail provided in the schedules.</p>