



## Student Voice/Representation Policy

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## **Context**

- 1.** Acquire Learning College (ALC) values the Student Voice highly and encourages the Student Body to engage with tutors, administrators and college managers on a regular basis. We believe that an open and constant dialogue between the College and the Student Body is mutually beneficial, and that it can help both parties to avoid the many misunderstandings that can arise, often because of a lack of communication.
- 2.** To facilitate 'The Student Voice', ALC has created a Staff/Student Liaison Committee which is a vital and integral part of the machinery of college governance. It is required to meet at least once a month (with ad hoc meetings being called as needed), and it requires a balanced mix of staff and students. We encourage the students to elect representatives from amongst the student body, and these representatives will hold their seats on the Staff/Student Liaison Committee for the duration of the academic year, or until such time as they may be replaced by newly elected representatives.
- 3.** At the level of course delivery, students will be encouraged to express their feelings and raise any issues directly to course tutors, module leaders, course team leaders or Heads of Department. Ultimately, via the straightforward procedures built into our system of governance, students have access to all levels of college management, up to and including the right to take issues to the Academic Board and/or the Board of Governors.
- 4.** The College Management considers that a strong and active Student Union should be encouraged, and that it should manage its own constitution and function, elect its own officers, manage the election of student representatives at all levels, manage a wide range of student activities, and oversee the relationship that exists between the Student Body and the College Management.

## **Related Policies**

Student Engagement Policy