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## **Guidance on best practice in funding of effective, democratic student unions (SUs), and student representation**

Circular W11/46HE provides a consultation on best practice in funding effective, democratic student unions, and student representation.

We developed this guidance with the assistance of a task and finish group, in response to a 2011-12 remit letter request from the Welsh Government. The task and finish group consisted of the Higher Education Wales (HEW) Chair of the Pro Vice Chancellor Learning and Teaching Advisory Group, NUS Wales President, HEW officer, NUS Wales staff member, and HEFCW officers. We also consulted our Student Experience, Teaching and Quality Committee in the development of this guidance, and provided it to Chairs of Higher Education in Wales for comment.

We are inviting comments on this guidance by 8 February 2012, to inform the publication of the final version in Spring 2012. We addressed the consultation to:

- Heads of higher education institutions in Wales
- Principals of directly-funded further education colleges in Wales
- Chairs of governors of higher education institutions and directly-funded further education colleges in Wales
- Presidents of Student Unions

Responses are not mandatory, and are welcome separately or jointly. We invite you to provide any comments you may have to [cliona.oneill@hefcw.ac.uk](mailto:cliona.oneill@hefcw.ac.uk).



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