

Leeds Trinity Students' Union Grievance Policy Approved

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1 About this procedure

1.1 This procedure applies to all employees (apart from Sabbatical Officers who have their own code of conduct) regardless of length of service.

1.2 This procedure does not form part of any employee's contract of employment. It may be amended at any time and we may depart from it depending on the circumstances of any case.

1.3 Most grievances can be resolved quickly and informally through discussion with your line manager. If this does not resolve the problem, you should initiate the formal procedure below reasonably promptly.

2. Step 1: Written grievance

2.1 You should put your grievance in writing and submit it to your line manager. If your grievance concerns your line manager you may submit it to the General Manager or if they are your line manager the President as Chair of the Board.

2.2 The written grievance should set out the nature of the complaint, including any relevant facts, dates, and names of individuals involved so that we can investigate it.

3. Step 2: Meeting

3.1 We will arrange a grievance meeting, normally within one week of receiving your written grievance. You should make every effort to attend.

3.2 You may bring a companion to the grievance meeting if you make a reasonable request in advance and tell us the name of your chosen companion. The companion may be either a trade union representative or a colleague, who will be allowed reasonable paid time off from duties to act as your companion.

3.3 If you or your companion cannot attend at the time specified you should let us know as soon as possible and we will try, within reason, to agree an alternative time.

3.4 We may adjourn the meeting if we need to carry out further investigations, after which the meeting will usually be reconvened.

3.5 We will write to you, usually within one week of the last grievance meeting, to confirm our decision and notify you of any further action that we intend to take to resolve the grievance. We will also advise you of your right of appeal.

4 Step 3: Appeals

4.1 If the grievance has not been resolved to your satisfaction you may appeal in writing to General Manager or should it be concerning them the President stating your full grounds of appeal, within one week of the date on which the decision was sent or given to you. If both of these individuals have led the initial grievance, then this will be delegated in the first instance by the General Manager or should they be the subject of the grievance the President to an appropriate alternate.

4.2 We will hold an appeal meeting, normally within two weeks of receiving the appeal. This will be dealt with impartially by a more senior manager (where possible) who has not previously been involved in the case. You will have a right to bring a companion (see Paragraph 3.2).

4.3 We will confirm our final decision in writing, usually within one week of the appeal hearing. There is no further right of appeal.

5. It is not permissible to record, whether audio and/or visual, any meetings which take place as part of this procedure, without our express written authorisation. You should note that unauthorised recording may result in action under the disciplinary procedure, which may include dismissal for gross misconduct.