

Buffy Williams MS,
Chair,
Children, Young People and Education Committee

Delyth Jewell MS,
Chair,
Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport and International
Relations Committee

29 April 2025

Dear Buffy,

Petitions on Higher Education funding and sustainability of the sector

The Petitions Committee met on 28 April and agreed to bring your attention to five petitions demonstrating the strength of public feeling about actions Welsh Universities are taking in response to the financial pressures they face. I hope this is helpful to inform your scrutiny of the work of Medr, and of the Higher Education sector in Wales. I am also copying this letter to the Chair of the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport and International Relations Committee, as one of the petitions relates to music education which is within that Committee's remit.

P-06-1507 We call on UWTSD and the Welsh Government to create a viable, sustainable plan for the long-term future of Lampeter campus

This petition was considered on 10 March and closed - I wrote on 24 March to highlight it with you.

P-06-1509 Fund music education for future generations in the "land of song"

This petition relates to the planned closure of Cardiff University's Music department. Submitted by Eluned Parrott, it closed on 31 March having collected 1,290 signatures and was considered by the Petitions Committee on 28 April 2025.

The following three petitions are currently still open, and due for future Committee consideration, having received over 250 signatures:



Reverse the Closure of Post Grad Counselling and Psychotherapy Courses at University of South Wales

Submitted by Kelsey Young, currently 583 signatures and closing on 30 April 2025.

Enable Cardiff University to keep the Nursing degree course

Submitted by Cerys Flavey, currently 7,557 signatures and due to close on 29 July 2025.

Help Cardiff University to keep their Modern Languages degree courses

Submitted by Christine Margrave, currently 2,513 signatures and due to close on 2 August 2025.

I would be grateful if you could send any response by e-mail to the clerking team at petitions@senedd.wales.

Yours sincerely



Carolyn Thomas MS
Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.