

# Student council: UUCA needs to be amended, not repealed

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KUALA LUMPUR: The Universities and University Colleges Act (UUCA) 1971 should be amended, and not repealed, according to the National Student Representative Council (MPPK).

In a statement today, the student council said the amendments to the UUCA are necessary to ensure that students' empowerment, autonomy, and unity can be realised as there are currently certain matters in the act that still restrict student movement and rights.

"MPPK urges that UUCA must be amended as with 27 sections and two schedules, it is divided into 7 parts, namely the preliminary, higher education, administration, universities, university colleges, registry and database, and general.

"There are only two sections that specifically consider the student aspect, namely Sections 15 and 16 and Article 48 of the first schedule, which mentions the student representative council aspect," the statement said.

The student council is of the view that the amendment should be in line with the students' union module that is being worked by the Higher Education Minister (Datuk Seri Khaled Nordin) in giving students the right and authority to manage it themselves.

In the meantime, it said that a risk analysis and mitigation should be carried out, followed by a statistical plan and guidance for students and universities just in case the UUCA is repealed.

"In this situation, the appropriateness of abolishing the UUCA for any provision that affects not only students but also the university itself must be examined to avoid any shortcomings," it said. – Bernama