



Union Council Motion

Title of motion:

Should the University of Hull eradicate all additional costs experienced by students and offer a bursary available to all students to claim back any additional costs they do experience?

What do you want to change?

I want students at the University of Hull to not experience additional costs on top of their tuition fees and be able to access a bursary provided by the University (available to all students) to claim back any additional costs they do experience.

Definition of additional costs: expenses that students have to pay out on top of their tuition fees that impact on completing their degree.

Examples:

- Textbooks
- Lockers
- Uniforms
- Doctors notes
- Equipment associated with degree
- Study abroad
- Parking fees
- Transcript expenses
- Placement travelling expenses
- Graduation gowns
- Field trip expenses
- Dissertation printing

Why do you want to change it?

In March 2019, I ran on a manifesto which included campaigning on value for money and eradicating additional costs. This trimester, I want to fulfil the election manifesto promise and lobby the University to eradicate all additional costs and provide an additional costs bursary available to all students which is supported by Union Council.

Students are continually faced with additional costs on top of their tuition fees. Last year as President of Education, we helped to eradicate printing poverty amongst students, however, there are many more additional costs experienced by students which needs tackling.

Research:

Bursary:

Leicester SU has an additional costs campaign in which they offer students a bursary that students can apply for. This doesn't allow costs of sport to be covered, however. Students fill in the application form on the website and attach evidence of their additional costs.



Spent too much on printing? Burdened with equipment associated with your degree? Need help paying for a field trip? The Students' Union has launched a Additional Costs Bursary scheme to help you, in direct response to the large amount of additional student costs you told us about in our 10,000 Conversations Project and in the Your Union Your Voice survey. Please note that costs associated with participation in sport aren't eligible to be claimed through this scheme, some examples of costs that would be covered by this scheme include:

- Dissertation printing and/or binding
- Purchase of a core text book
- Travel to campus
- Travel to a placement or fieldwork
- Printing required for your academic studies.

We are accepting applications on a first come first serve basis which will be processed in November once the budget for this year's scheme has been confirmed.

<https://www2.le.ac.uk/offices/students-union/surveys/additional-cost>

University West England SU have a hidden costs campaign led by the Vice President of Education. He has run a campaign lobbying the university and they have pledged to make black and white printing free for all students, to ensure there is parity across programmes across specific faculties and that students on those programmes receive £75 credit allowance, to undertake a full review of learning outcomes for each course and ensure any costs associated with those learning outcomes are covered through tuition fees and to continue to be transparent about how tuition fees are spent.

Nottingham SU are running a campaign to remove hidden costs. They are also working with the University Widening Participation Team to create an activities bursary.

What do you want Hull University Union to do?

For Hull University Union to lobby the University of Hull to eradicate all additional costs experienced by students and offer a bursary available to all students to claim back any additional costs they do experience.

For the President of the Students' Union to report on progress on this motion at Union Council and Governance Zone meetings until this has been completed.

Proposer: Isobel Hall, President of the Students' Union

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