

M.1617-16 Motion to lobby the University to increase space for student activities

HUU Notes:

1. Student activities, particularly societies, currently struggle to access the rooms they need to function. Existing rooms available for booking have dramatically fallen from last year with the loss of several of the larger Union building meeting rooms, unavailability of library teaching rooms and poor utilisation of the Wilberforce building.
2. For student activities to prosper, they need space to do so.

HUU Believes:

1. Action should be taken as student activities are suffering. Many societies find themselves unable to book any rooms, especially for larger gatherings or those on a regular schedule. This is also impacting other areas of student life, we have examples as recently as the last referendum, where a debate could not be arranged until voting had already opened due to the lack of available rooms.
2. Students and Student Officers alike have already tried to work towards a solution by speaking with the University. The actions of Society Presidents, the SEC, the VP Activities and the President have thus far yielded no results – we are not being listened to. It is time we took more direct action.

HUU Resolves:

1. To mandate the VP Activities to create a working group consisting of the Student Officer team, relevant student representatives and University staff to discuss the issues noted above and create an action plan with the desired results being the following:
 - Library teaching rooms becoming eligible for booking again by societies.
 - HUU reception staff given better software/tools to be able to make better use of available rooms.
 - Additional building(s) made available for student booking.
2. To mandate the VP Activities to provide an update on progress at the next Union Council on 27th March outlining a time frame for the actions to be taken to resolve these issues by the latest of 3rd April 2017.

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