

POLICY PROPOSAL

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Union Notes:

The Bryant building in Cambridge closed for redevelopment in the Cambridge Campus in the Summer 2015. As part of this closure areas of student space were affected including the Dance Studio.

The Dance Studio was used by students all day, all week during term time. New Clubs and Societies have increased the demand for recreational space.

We are 7 months into the Academic year and a suitable replacement has still not been provided with around 50% of the current clubs still awaiting a suitable venue for their activities and those with replacement space are being held off campus.

New recreational clubs will struggle to find a space on campus, if at all.

In addition to Recreational Space being limited, the space for socialising has also been affected by the closure of the Mumford Lounge.

Students are using the Group Study Areas in the library for socialising thus disturbing students that are studying. The Open Access Area is also being used as a space to socialise, meaning when the library is full there is less space to work/study for students.

Union Believes:

Students have a right to space on campus for socialising, recreational and extra-curricular use.

Closure of student spaces can have a detrimental effect on the student experience as there is lesser chance of students engaging with activities or having appropriate space to study.

Union Resolves:

To lobby the institution for a new multipurpose recreational space on campus and to prioritise student-led activities.

To lobby the institution to guarantee that any space that becomes available will be discussed with the Students' Union as to what its purpose will be.

To gather and use student feedback when making decisions on the use of new space.