



## IDEAS

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**Summary:** *This paper provides an update on the implementation of ideas*

### **SU permanent bar on Cambridge campus!**

Amanda Campbell White

- This was taken to our Union Steering Group (Exec Officers and SU Management Team). Officers will be collating all evidence from NSS results, comments on the ideas page, comments and feedback from the current space consultation and a proposal will be written and taken to the Deputy VC with responsibility for estates.

-Being taken forward by LR & JS TM.

-LR and JS have a meeting with HV on 16/03/17.

-Conversations have been positive and the general need for an SU ran social space has been widely accepted by the university. Currently the SU is undergoing multiple developments and it was agreed that we would revisit the conversation when we were 'settled' with our current ventures.

*28/06 UPDATE: JS brought the paper to the university and it was acknowledged that it would be a priority in the future. Considering the SU have got a few projects currently ongoing with space it was agreed it would be too overwhelming to attempt to implement this right now. JS will keep this at the forefront and continue to push as a priority.*

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### **Books Plus card funds should be allowed to be used for printing**

Johanna Korhonen

- See campaign plan update for Free Printing for details

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### **Graduation Ceremonies in Summer and October**

Leigh Rooney

Leigh has gone through all comments and has created a draft report/proposal to take forward to the Vice Chancellor on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Jan, encompassing feedback from students over the last two years.

-The team had a meeting with the Vice Chancellor on 16/01/17, he agreed with the idea in principle, but a conversation around the logistics and how it can be done well and affordably needs to be had. Leigh will request a meeting with the graduation team to discuss further.

- LR has met with the Graduation Team regarding this. Currently it is impractical to have 'summer' ceremonies because there is no time of year in that bracket that will suit the entire student body. The current ceremonies in October does suit everyone, albeit it isn't the most desirable to everyone, particularly international students whose Visas run out beforehand. There are future opportunities to continue to talk about this, with the potential of the academic calendar being altered etc. LR will keep this on the SU's radar until there is a reasonable solution. LR has written a detailed update on the website:

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<https://www.angliastudent.com/news/article/Representationpage/Graduation-ideas-update/>

**Update: Completed**

### Stop charging for hot water

Andrene Love Sutherland

28/06 UPDATE: The head of catering said no to this. He expressed that it would cause a deficit in the budget and is not feasible. I would suggest escalating this to more senior members of staff to see if anything can be done.

23/10/17 Kettle will be provided in the new Students' Union space in Peter Taylor House!

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### Therapy Dogs

Marissa Lewis

UPDATE: We will be including this in our de-stress events we are holding during exams season in May as part of the Let's Be Honest campaign, which are being led on by Thea (Environmental and Community Rep, Chelmsford). Leigh is in the process of contacting other Unions for recommendations as to how best take this forward.

-Leigh has contacted guide dog charity again and is awaiting a reply.

- As part of Destress Fest, led by the Chelmsford Environment and Community Rep and supported by the Officer Team, we brought a mobile zoo of therapy animals onto the Cambridge campus to help student mental health difficulties. This was originally for both campuses however there was a last minute cancellation for Chelmsford. This did not feature dogs, as the price of this was too high, but there were a variety of animals and we had positive feedback from students who came along.

UPDATE: Completed.

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### Accessible microwave

Victor Clemente Junior

Leigh arranged a forum which took place cross campus on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb, 5pm – 6:30pm to collate feedback on all issues relating to the catering services. Leigh is now in the process of using this feedback to create a report to be taken to the Head of Catering.

In the meantime Leigh is looking into the feasibility of the Students' Union Lounge in Chelmsford providing a microwave for student use and also whether this could be included in future building plans.

-Leigh has completed the risk assessment for a microwave in the Student Lounge in Chelmsford. Awaiting relevant union staff to edit/approve and then buy the microwave ready for use.

-LR is working with SU staff on how this will be done. We will have a microwave in the new SU spaces.

UPDATE: Completed. Risk assessment currently being approved by internal commercial services staff. To be implemented ASAP.

23/10/17 A microwave will be provided in the new Students' Union space in Peter Taylor House!

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### Free graduation guest fee

Precious Nwanze

Precious has been speaking to Officers from other Universities to see how their graduation ceremonies work and compare ticket prices vs what's included.

This will then be taken forward to the next meeting with the Vice Chancellor.

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-This will be taken to the Graduation team along with the timings of ceremonies to explore possible alternative prices.  
 -LR met with the Graduation Team to discuss this. They expressed that they currently don't make any profit on the event through the guest ticket fee. This year they will not be able to reduce the price of the guest ticket but they are making improvements to ensure the event is better value for money. PN will be compiling feedback on what would make this more value for money to give to the Graduation Team.

*28/06 UPDATE: Leigh met with the graduation team and it was made clear that:*

- The price of the standard graduation guest ticket is £25. This has remained the same for the past 6 years.

- Graduation team colleagues claim to research other institutions and they have found that ARU is in line, if not slightly cheaper than others' fees.
- They are constantly looking into how they can make the event better value for money, as they have received informal feedback to say that currently it is not. Keep eyes peeled for new things introduced this year.
- For the first time, this year they are actively gathering feedback from students and guests after 2017's ceremonies have taken place. I endorsed this as this data can be used to actively plan the following year's ceremonies, responding directly to student feedback.

*In summary;*

- They expressed that they currently don't make any profit on the event through the guest ticket fee. This year they will not be able to reduce the price of the guest ticket but they are making improvements to ensure the event is better value for money.

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#### **HALAL FOOD & PRAYER ROOM**

Ashraf Adnan Mohammed

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Kat has created a survey for prayer room feedback, to take the chaplaincy who are now looking at how they can make improvements to these areas. This survey has been sent to students and Kat will now be taking this forward.  
 -KY will be sending this survey to another group of students.

23/10/17 UPDATE: Johanna has arranged to meet Islamic Society to hear their views to clarify the objectives for this idea

Terry Hope and Nigel Cooper met regarding halal food:

- The poultry is already Halal. Terry will arrange for a mark to appear against this on the digital menu and monitor responses
- It is only the red meat that is non-Halal and Muslim students can eat the vegetarian and vegan hot meals and soups as well as all the salads and fish

*16/11/17 Still waiting to hear from Islamic Societies*

#### **Free parking**

Stephen Adeyemi

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Leigh will be raising this with the University's Secretary & Clerk, the Deputy Vice Chancellor and also contacting Cambridge University Students' Union and Daniel Zeichner (Cambridge MP).

-Leigh has raised with CUSU and had a response, she is yet to respond.

Leigh will also be raising this with Helen Valentine.

-LR has spoken to Helen and will update further soon.

**22/11/17 See Policy submitted to Council**

### **Jacket Potatoes to be available in the canteen all day**

Adele Grant-Johnson

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-LR has met with the Head of Catering and will update further in the meeting.

28/06- I forgot to add this to the meeting with catering (sorry!) but they expressed that students should contact the head of catering directly with feedback: [terry.hope@anglia.ac.uk](mailto:terry.hope@anglia.ac.uk)

23/10/17 UPDATE: JK has arranged for a recipe trial in the Cambridge canteen as part of the Better Food campaign

**16/11/17 This will be brought up at the same time with recipe suggestions in the beginning of December**

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### **Make Cheerleading an Active Anglia sport!**

Laura Douds

Jamie and Leigh are contacting both Cheer committees to arrange a meeting to discuss this further and decide the best next steps.

-Leigh and Jamie are currently in communications with Active Anglia about our strategic partnership and Leigh has developed a document which outlines what is considered an SU club and an AA club. Once this document has been signed by both parties; we can then revisit the cheerleading discussion.

**28/06 UPDATE: No update currently**

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### **Allowing food in the library**

Katie-Rose McGuire

Grace has since met with the Head of the Library who explained why currently this is not an option. Grace is requesting a copy of their policy on this and will be arranging a focus group for any students to attend to discuss recommendations for the library on this matter.

The Officers are researching other institutions to see what their policies on food consumption in their libraries.

-Grace has received a copy of the policy and will now be looking to arrange the focus group.

-GA has met with the library staff. They are still hesitant about allowing food into the library even if it's just snack food/cold food.

**28/06 UPDATE:**

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### **Washing the lab coats**

Gemma Twinn

-Grace is contacting Ruth, FST Faculty Rep and Linda King to take forward.

-Grace is arranging a meeting with Gemma and Matt Bristow to see if this is a quick thing to sort out or what the next steps are.

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*-FST now have more funding to wash lab coats more regularly. The longest any lab coat will be in use without being washed will be 4 weeks.*

*UPDATE: Completed.*

**Money, money, money!!**

Shannon Williams

*Grace has contacted the Deputy Dean of FMS and is meeting them about the constraints currently stopping this and what we can do going forward.*

*-Because of the funding scheme that some students in FMS are on, it is not possible for travel costs to be reimbursed. GA is writing to the Department of Health to query this and looking into potential carpooling schemes.*

*-GA is chasing Health Education England to ask for further funding as directed by the Department of Health. GA has also found a carpool model that ARU could set up and will be presenting this to FMS.*

*Laura and Imogen to meet in the near future to discuss.*

*Laura has been given feedback about this issue by paramedic students in Chelms.*

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FVC/LEDIC are asked to **DISCUSS**