

POLICY PROPOSAL

Policy Title:	Where my Rent went? (Lower Accommodation costs)	Date Policy Proposed:	13.11.2015
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Union Notes:

1. Anglia Ruskin is a university that tries to support its students in every area possible
2. There is often a large gap between University & Private rented sector accommodation prices and student loan amounts
3. Higher fees alone have led to 17% decrease in students progressing to university (BBC)
4. Student's studying in Cambridge don't get the extra help that London students get, despite being in one of the most expensive cities in the country to live in
5. International students don't get a maintenance loan and are also limited in the hours they can work whilst studying to support themselves financially.

Union Believes:

1. If students can't afford university accommodation, dropout rates will increase
2. Money worries often cause stress by impacting on physical and mental health, which effects wellbeing and student's education
3. With the government's decision to cut grants and introduce loans, prospective students have to take into account extra debt. Students already us 150% of these loans to pay for accommodation (NUS)

Union Resolves:

1. To run a campaign to look into support for International students seeking accommodation
2. To work with the local councils on ensuing Admin fees & other fees related to accommodation are all fair and legal within the Private Rented sector