



# STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING

## IDEAS INFO PACK

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# INTRODUCTION

The Student Council Meeting is the highest decision-making body at The SU. Three times a year, 20 students are elected to attend. 10 from Societies Conference, 5 from Sport Conference and 5 from Reps Committee. They are there to think about and discuss matters relating to The SU on behalf of the wider student population.

Ideas that come to the meeting are conditional passes and won't be worked on until they have been scrutinised. Unless they are vetoed at the meeting, they will pass and be worked on the same as a 1st.

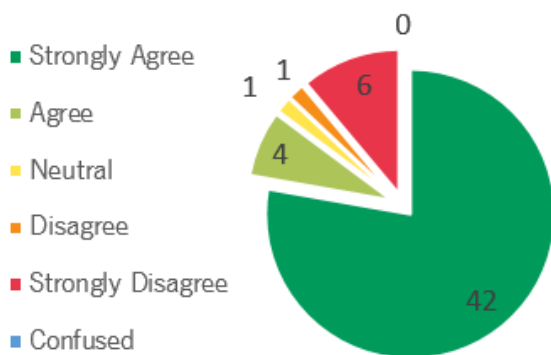
It takes two-thirds of the meeting (13 members) to veto a 2:1 and 50%+1 (11 members) to veto a 2:2.

Meetings are run as facilitated group discussions. Everybody has the opportunity to share their thoughts and all opinions are respected even if not agreed with.

Members at the meeting have a responsibility to make decisions based on what would be in the best interest of students. Sometimes these won't be easy decisions to make, this is why the meeting is important.

# Commit to reducing the number of leaflets/flyers at Freshers' Fair

## COMMIT TO REDUCING THE NUMBER OF LEAFLETS/FLYERS AT FRESHERS' FAIR



## RESULT

VOTER NUMBER:54

SCORE:15

MEAN AVERAGE:4.39

SCORE:10

MAJORITY:85.2

SCORE:25

TOTAL:50

2:2

## Idea Holders Extra Information

Thousands of leaflets are printed for Freshers' Fair, using up time, money and resources on leaflets not many people actually read.

When you went to the fair as a first year, did you actually read all the leaflets you were given, or did they end up in the bin?

We should be encouraging students to be more conscious of the impact of their actions on the environment. Not only does it cost a lot of money for these flyers to be printed, but think of the trees! Most of these will end up in the bin, and probably not recycling. Surely it would be better to direct students to Facebook pages or the SU website, and this can be done without the use of leaflets.

# EXECUTIVE PASSES

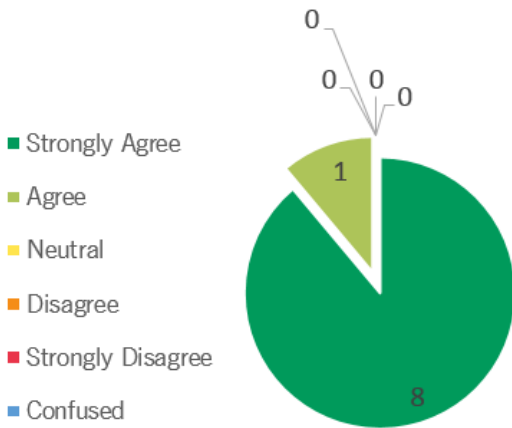
The Executive are elected by the wider student body and have been given a mandate to make important decisions about The SU as a result. Because of this, they have the ability to automatically pass Student Ideas as long as they can be carried out without opposition or detriment to other students.

Not all Ideas will gain the support of the wider student population but that doesn't necessarily mean that they aren't important. If for example students from a small postgraduate course had an Idea that affected only them, a member of The Executive could take it to The Executive meeting and suggest that it be automatically passed.

As a safeguard, The Student Council Meeting can overturn an Executive decision with a 2/3rd majority.

# Serve curly fries at The Students' Union bars

Serve curly fries at The Students' Union Bars



## RESULT

VOTER NUMBER:9

SCORE:0

MEAN AVERAGE:4.89

SCORE:20

MAJORITY:100

SCORE:25

TOTAL:45

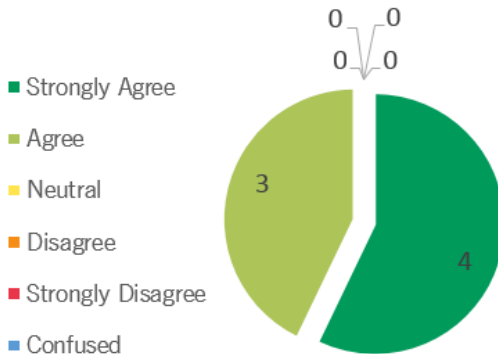
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## Idea Holders Extra Information

Red Bar used to serve curly fries, please bring them back for the new build.

# More food options for diabetic people

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**RESULT**

**VOTER NUMBER:7**

**SCORE:0**

**MEAN AVERAGE:4.57**

**SCORE:15**

**MAJORITY:100**

**SCORE:25**

**TOTAL:40**

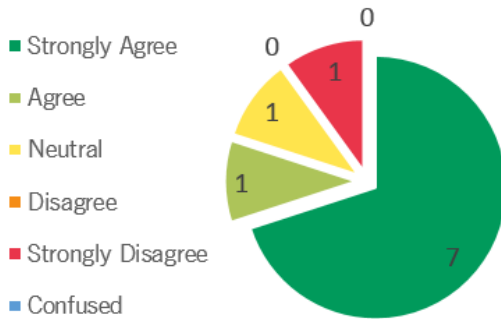
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## Idea Holders Extra Information

At UWE, there is hardly anything a diabetic person can eat from the shops around. For £9000/year people with diabetes should really be able to make good decisions when it comes to eating on campus but there is literally hardly any food available for a diabetic person

# More healthy food options

## Healthy Food Options for Fitness-Minded Students



## RESULT

VOTER NUMBER:10

SCORE:0

MEAN AVERAGE:4.3

SCORE:10

MAJORITY:80

SCORE:25

TOTAL:35

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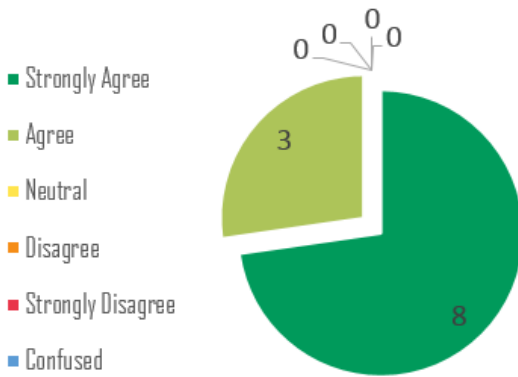
## Idea Holders Extra Information

There is hardly any healthy food choice in/around campus and this must change! Campus with gyms around cannot afford not to have freshly prepared, healthy-made food offered for the students involved in sports or representing UWE at sports events.



# More signposting for the community garden

More signposting for the community garden/orchard



## RESULT

VOTER NUMBER:11

SCORE:0

MEAN AVERAGE:4.73

SCORE:15

MAJORITY:100

SCORE:25

TOTAL:40

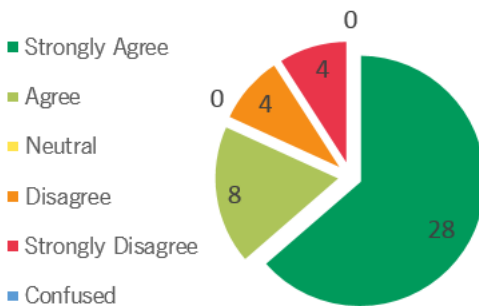
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### Idea Holders Extra Information

It seems like currently many students aren't away of the community garden/ where it is.

# Consider the introduction of an elected Women's Officer

To consider the introduction an elected Women's Officer as part of the on-going review into the Part-Time Officer structure



## RESULT

VOTER NUMBER:44

SCORE:10

MEAN AVERAGE:4.18

SCORE:10

MAJORITY:81.8

SCORE:25

TOTAL:45

3rd

## Idea Holders Extra Information

The Students' Union at UWE is one of few that does not currently have a Women's Officer.

Sexism is still a thing and it needs to be tackled. Feminism is not about hating men, it is about challenging discriminatory attitudes that still takes place.

Research conducted shows that 1 in 4 female students have faced sexual harassment at university. Further research conducted showed that issues with mental health arose after such harassment.

Hyper-masculinity is severely impacting men and their mental health also. Hyper-masculinity affects both men and women, creates unrealistic ideals, and potentially intimidating atmospheres.

The creation of a Women's Officer will help to run campaigns (e.g. International Women's Day), represent female students, and work in partnership with the other Liberation Officers.