



# STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING

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# INTRODUCTION: STUDENT IDEAS

The Student Council Meeting is the highest decision-making body at The SU. 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.

# INTRODUCTION: 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.

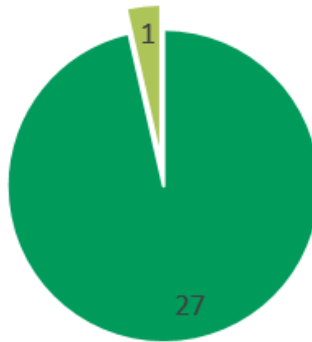
Not all Ideas will gain the support of the wider student population but that doesn't necessarily mean that they aren't important. If for example students from a small postgraduate course had an Idea that affected only them, a member of The Executive could take it to The Executive meeting and suggest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

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

# Make the upstairs of the library at Glenside accessible by wiring up the electric 'push button'

MAKE THE UPSTAIRS OF THE LIBRARY AT GLENSIDE ACCESSIBLE BY WIRING UP THE ELECTRIC 'PUSH BUTTON' ACCESS SYSTEM

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- Confused



## RESULT

VOTER NUMBER:28

SCORE:10

MEAN AVERAGE:4.96

SCORE:20

MAJORITY:100

SCORE:25

TOTAL:55

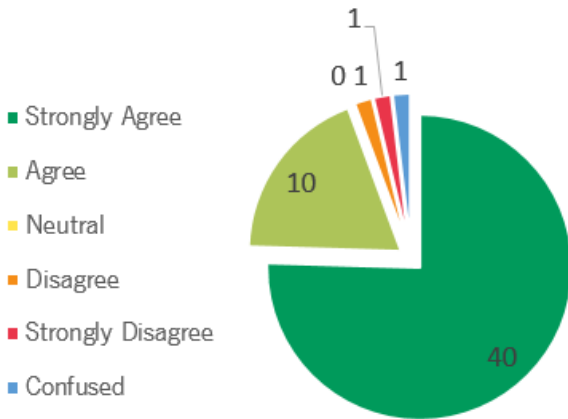
2:2

### Idea Proposer's Extra Information

The hard wiring is in place but has been dormant for approx 4 months. This has been flagged by the library staff, the door remains a manual open.

# Lobby for a reading week for English Language & Linguistics students

## LOBBY FOR A READING WEEK FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LINGUISTICS STUDENTS



## RESULT

VOTER NUMBER:53

SCORE:15

MEAN AVERAGE:4.6

SCORE:15

MAJORITY:96.2

SCORE:25

TOTAL:55

2:2

## Idea Proposer's Extra Information

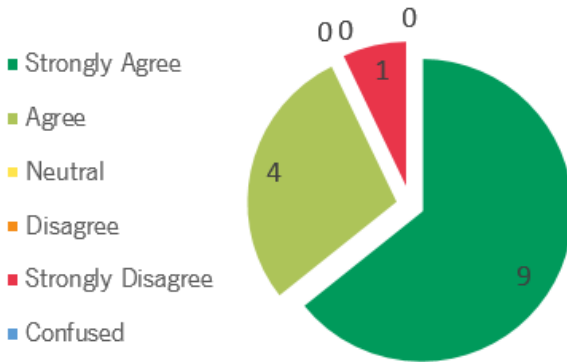
We receive a large amount of reading - a week would allow us to catch up.

After attending a Student Rep meeting, it was established that the staff members had previously asked the senior leadership for a reading week- even using student examples to back up why one is necessary. However, the conclusion was reached that the idea needed to be brought forward by students themselves. Being English students, it's assumed that we would have to read a lot- however, unlike other courses, we weren't given a week to catch up on important reading. This is especially important for students who have other commitments such as jobs, who only have a tight window to fit

all the academic expectations into. While we understand that the course material may have to be re-arranged to cope with the week lost, for student wellbeing we feel that this is a necessary evil.

# Hand sanitiser dispensers at food serving hatches on all campuses

## HAND SANITISER DISPENSERS AT FOOD SERVING HATCHES ON ALL CAMPUSES



## RESULT

VOTER NUMBER:14

SCORE:0

MEAN AVERAGE:4.43

SCORE:10

MAJORITY:92.9

SCORE:25

TOTAL:35

**FAIL**

### Idea Proposer's Extra Information

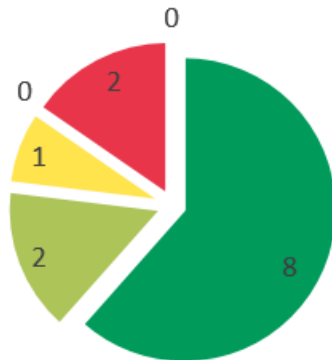
To ensure hand hygiene before selecting condiments and consuming food.



# Install Smart Energy Meters into Student Halls

INSTALL SMART ENERGY METERS INTO STUDENT HALLS

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- Confused



**RESULT**

VOTER NUMBER:13

SCORE:0

MEAN AVERAGE:4.08

SCORE:10

MAJORITY:76.9

SCORE:25

**TOTAL:35**

**FAIL**

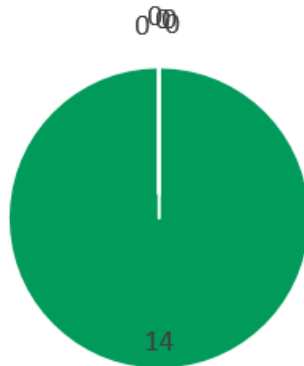
## Idea Proposer's Extra Information

To encourage awareness between students and their energy consumption habits - direct feedback of this sort is key.

# Campaign for more water fountains, bins and free hot water at Glenside Campus

**CAMPAIGN FOR MORE WATER FOUNTAINS,  
BINS AND FREE HOT WATER AT GLENSIDE  
CAMPUS**

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- Confused



## RESULT

**VOTER NUMBER:14**

**SCORE:0**

**MEAN AVERAGE:5**

**SCORE:20**

**MAJORITY:100**

**SCORE:25**

**TOTAL:45**

**3rd**

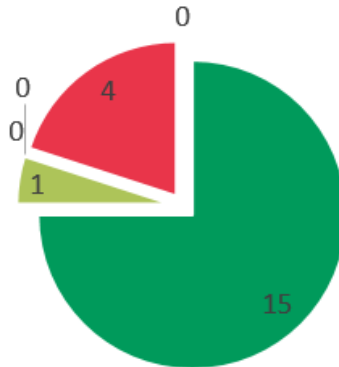
## Idea Proposer's Extra Information

Many of us at Glenside commute to uni and are bringing in our own snacks and beverages because we can't afford Traders everyday. However, there are not enough facilities around campus to make our cheap student ways easier. Bins so we can eat around campus, more water fountains so we don't dehydrate ourselves between lectures and paying for hot water is not affordable and needs to change before winter sets in!

# The Students' Union to install a dance mat

## THE STUDENTS' UNION TO INSTALL A DANCE MAT

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- Confused



## RESULT

VOTER NUMBER:20

SCORE:0

MEAN AVERAGE:4.15

SCORE:10

MAJORITY:80

SCORE:25

TOTAL:35

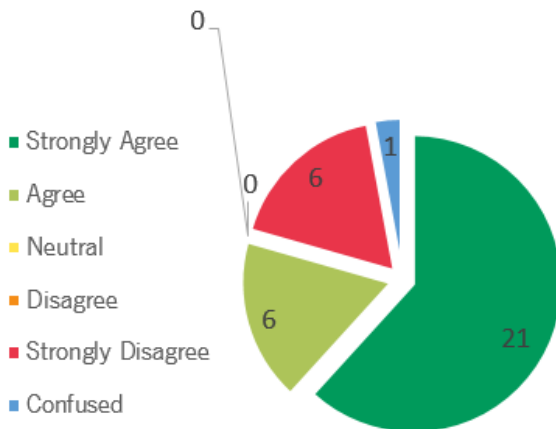
**FAIL**

### Idea Proposer's Extra Information

Student life is stressful and we would all appreciate a dance mat to alleviate stress

# Lobby to make sex and relationships education a mandatory part of the e-induction for all students moving into UWE accommodation; amended from *“Education about consent should be given to all students”*

EDUCATION ABOUT CONSENT SHOULD BE GIVEN TO ALL STUDENTS



RESULT

VOTER NUMBER:34

SCORE:10

MEAN AVERAGE:4

SCORE:10

MAJORITY:81.8

SCORE:25

TOTAL:45

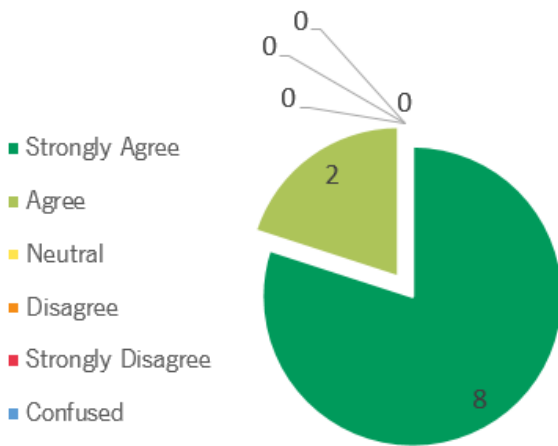
3rd

## Idea Proposer's Extra Information

Classes about consent and the importance of respecting boundaries should form a part of the induction period for new students. This will help to increase people's respect for each other and reduce incidents of sexual assaults. These classes could take the form of e-learning. I believe they should be mandatory.

# Make the Students' Union website's registration process more streamline for mobile compatibility; amended from *"Simplify the SU Website Registration Process"*

## SIMPLIFY THE SU WEBSITE REGISTRATION PROCESS



## RESULT

VOTER NUMBER:10  
 SCORE:0  
 MEAN AVERAGE:4.8  
 SCORE:20  
 MAJORITY:100  
 SCORE:25  
 TOTAL:45  
**3rd**

### Idea Proposer's Extra Information

Currently every student must register on the students union website in order to use its facilities; i.e. sign up for societies and sports, vote in elections etc. However, the current registration window is very poorly put together, and the mobile version rarely works at all as some of the tick boxes are impossible to click. This immediately puts students off getting involved in SU activities, particularly voting in elections; something that the SU struggles with every year and yet this very obvious and relatively simple problem hasn't been fixed. The registration process should be streamlined, asking only for absolutely necessary information, and it should be rigorously tested to ensure that it works on all devices.