



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.

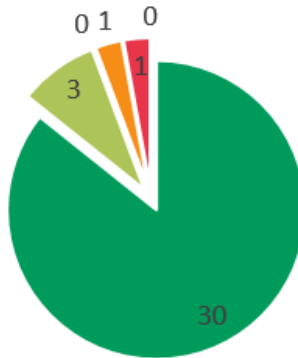
Not all Ideas will gain the support of the wider student population but that doesn't necessarily mean that they aren't important. If for example students from a small postgraduate course had an Idea that affected only them, a member of The Executive could take it to The Executive meeting and suggest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

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

Water fountains to be shown on maps around campus

WATER FOUNTAINS TO BE SHOWN ON MAPS AROUND CAMPUS

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



RESULT

VOTER NUMBER:35

SCORE:10

MEAN AVERAGE:4.71

SCORE:15

MAJORITY:94.3

SCORE:25

TOTAL:50

2:2

Idea Proposer's Extra Information

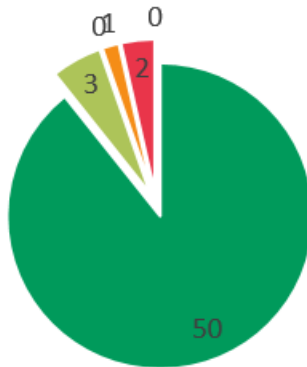
It's great to have so many water fountains around the campus and to know more are coming but have many students can actually use them if they do not know where they are?

It would be so easy to just put a little water drop sticker on each and every floor map on campus to show their location.

The SU to arrange for onsite blood donation opportunities

THE SU TO ARRANGE FOR ONSITE BLOOD DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

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



RESULT

VOTER NUMBER:56

SCORE:15

MEAN AVERAGE:4.75

SCORE:15

MAJORITY:94.6

SCORE:25

TOTAL:55

2:2

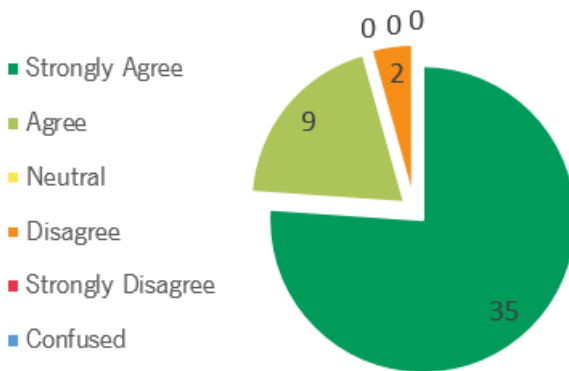
Idea Proposer's Extra Information

The closest stalls are at least 2 miles away; onsite location would coax more students to donate as they have less to go out their way.

What's the downside?

Campaign to reduce the additional course costs that student have to pay to complete their degrees on top of tuition fees

CAMPAIGN TO REDUCE THE ADDITIONAL COURSE COSTS THAT STUDENTS HAVE TO PAY TO COMPLETE THEIR DEGREES ON TOP OF TUITION FEES



RESULT

VOTER NUMBER:46

SCORE:10

MEAN AVERAGE:4.67

SCORE:15

MAJORITY:95.7

SCORE:25

TOTAL:50

2:2

Idea Proposer's Extra Information

Students are already paying £9,000+ for tuition fees so shouldn't be burdened with extra costs on top to complete their degree. Students should be able to succeed on merit, not the ability to pay.

Increase the quantity and variety of vegan food options sold in all SU shops and bars

INCREASE THE QUANTITY AND VARIETY OF VEGAN FOOD OPTIONS SOLD IN ALL SU SHOPS AND BARS

RESULT

VOTER NUMBER:52

SCORE:15

MEAN AVERAGE:4.48

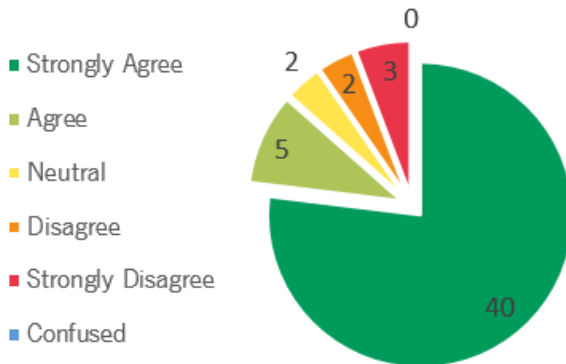
SCORE:10

MAJORITY:86.5

SCORE:25

TOTAL:50

2:2

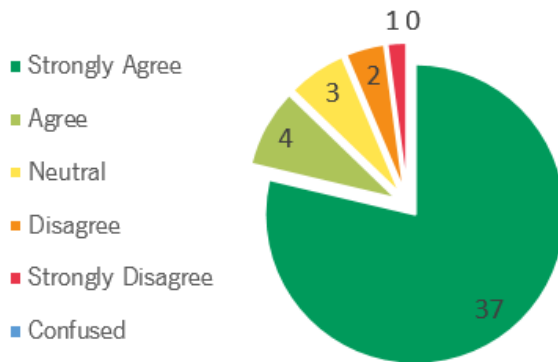


Idea Proposer's Extra Information

Currently there is a lack of adequate vegan options; students with this dietary request have insisted on better choices and the SU should provide these.

Swimming pool for Frenchay campus

SWIMMING POOL FOR FRENCHAY CAMPUS



RESULT

VOTER NUMBER:47

SCORE:10

MEAN AVERAGE:4.57

SCORE:15

MAJORITY:87.2

SCORE:25

TOTAL:50

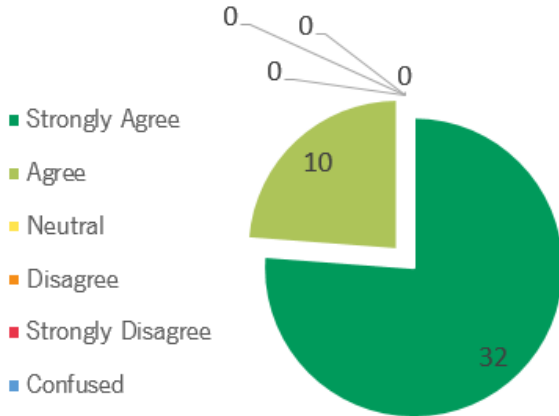
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Idea Proposer's Extra Information

A swimming pool would be a great addition to the existing sports facilities and would enable sports such as Water Polo to train at a fully UWE owned and controlled facility. A 50m pool would be the best option for training future competitive swimmers.

The SU to install solar panels on its buildings

THE SU TO INSTALL SOLAR PANELS ON ITS BUILDINGS



RESULT

VOTER NUMBER:42

SCORE:10

MEAN AVERAGE:4.76

SCORE:15

MAJORITY:100

SCORE:25

TOTAL:50

2:2

Idea Proposer's Extra Information

The cost of solar panels has dropped in recent years and it is now cost effective to install them wherever possible. Bristol has, on average, 1627 daylight hours per year (Met Office) and this is untapped power that the Union could use to power the buildings or sell to the grid.

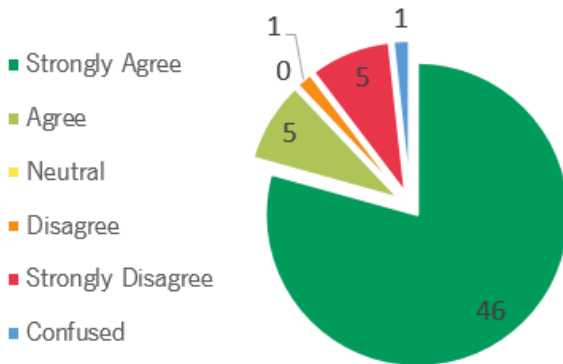
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Met Office -

<https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/public/weather/climate/gcnhtnumz>

The SU to commit to only stocking products containing palm oil that is Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) certified

THE STUDENTS' UNION TO COMMIT TO ONLY STOCKING PRODUCTS CONTAINING PALM OIL THAT IS ROUNDTABLE ON SUSTAINABLE PALM OIL (RSPO) CERTIFIED



RESULT

VOTER NUMBER:58

SCORE:15

MEAN AVERAGE:4.45

SCORE:10

MAJORITY:89.5

SCORE:25

TOTAL:50

2:2

Idea Proposer's Extra Information

Palm oil is the most widely used plant-based oil in the world. The Students' Union stocks many products containing this oil, as it is found in everything ranging from cosmetics to chocolate. Unfortunately, its unregulated production is responsible for the mass destruction of some of the most pristine rainforests on the planet, namely in Malaysia. Whilst some suggest boycotting palm oil, it is significantly higher yielding than any other vegetable oil, meaning the land required to produce the same amount from another source would be much much greater.

The RSPO ensures that existing forest is protected, biodiversity is improved on plantations, and that people's livelihoods are not sacrificed. We propose that The Students' Union should commit to only supplying products containing palm oil that are Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) certified – in order to protect both rainforests and their communities.

UWE is currently working alongside the Eden Project to improve the biodiversity of palm oil plantations using birds nest ferns, find out more below:

<https://twitter.com/dfarnonellwood>

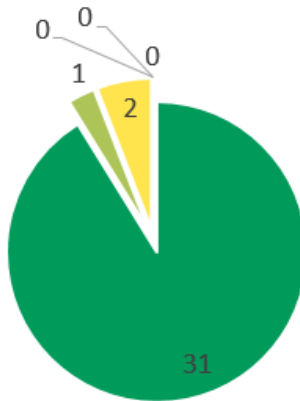
<http://www.ellwoodlab.com/research-.html>

Info source: <http://www.edenproject.com/visit/whats-here/rainforest-biome/oil-palm-exhibit>

Allow society treasures access to the clearest records that the SU holds (Consolidated General Ledger History Report)

ALLOW SOCIETY TREASURES ACCESS TO THE
CLEAREST RECORDS THAT THE SU HOLD
(CONSOLIDATED GENERAL LEDGER HISTORY
REPORT)

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



RESULT

VOTER NUMBER:34

SCORE:10

MEAN AVERAGE:4.85

SCORE:20

MAJORITY:94.1

SCORE:25

TOTAL:55

2:2

Idea Proposer's Extra Information

Currently the clearest record that the SU are willing to give to Society Treasurers is a cost code summary sheet, which can make it challenging to track individual transactions & almost impossible to work out what has happened is a correction has been made.

There is a record call the "Consolidated General Ledger History Report" which is a record of the accounts which shows every single transaction, meaning it is possible to pin point an exact transaction = this is what the SU employees look to when answering student questions.

I can't understand the SU unwillingness to put this information directly into the hands of elected students.

There 2 statements have been

"I appreciate that this may be difficult to read on the reports but as we can follow the full audit trail we can resolve any specific queries you have with relative ease."

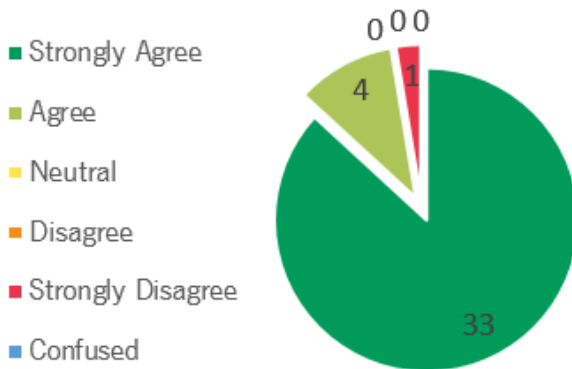
"The Union is not unwilling to share the "ledger" with society treasurers this currently isn't part of our current process.

Treasurers who ask for additional support or information are provided with the support to carry out their role If Treasurers wish to request a change in policy this along with any policy can be made through a student idea or via a society's conference meeting"

My answer to both of these statements is; why not just the Elected Societies Treasures have the choice of if to work from summary sheets or complete transparent records?

The SU to have sanitary product donation points for distribution to homeless/refugee/asylum-seeking women

The Students' Union to have sanitary product donation points for distribution to homeless/refugee/asylum seeking women



RESULT

VOTER NUMBER:38

SCORE:10

MEAN AVERAGE:4.79

SCORE:15

MAJORITY:97.4

SCORE:25

TOTAL:50

2:2

Idea Proposer's Extra Information

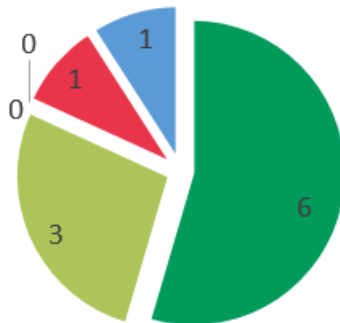
Women in the above situations either sacrifice money that they cannot afford or are forced to use unhygienic and degrading methods of dealing with menstruation.

Packs of sanitary products can cost as little as £1. Providing collection points would allow students to contribute to women in need in the local community, in a tangible way. A similar scheme has been set up by the Women's Society at Bristol University.

Hot water dispensers at Bower Ashton Studios

HOT WATER DISPENSERS AT BOWER ASHTON STUDIOS

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



RESULT

VOTER NUMBER:11

SCORE:0

MEAN AVERAGE:4

SCORE:10

MAJORITY:90

SCORE:25

TOTAL:35

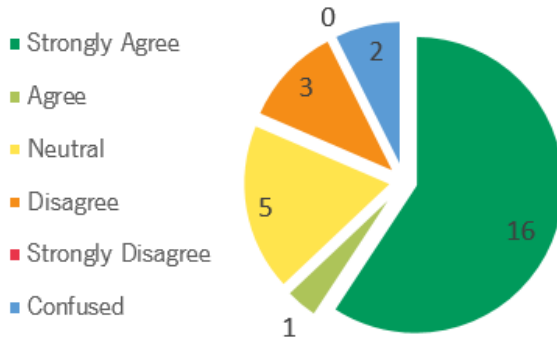
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Idea Proposer's Extra Information

We should have easy hot water access for those who want to make their own warm / hot water / tea / coffee, especially in this cold England weather!

All lectures on a Wednesday morning should be event captured (filmed) and posted on Blackboard

ALL LECTURES ON A WEDNESDAY MORNING SHOULD BE EVENT CAPTURED (FILMED) AND POSTED ON BLACKBOARD



RESULT

VOTER NUMBER:27

SCORE:10

MEAN AVERAGE:3.96

SCORE:5

MAJORITY:68

SCORE:25

TOTAL:40

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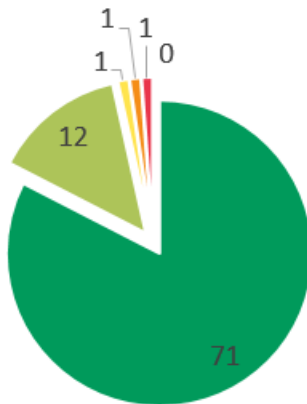
Idea Proposer's Extra Information

This would allow students who are travelling to away sports matches to be able to participate in sport without it affecting their learning.

All Academic Personal Tutors should receive mental health awareness training

ALL ACADEMIC PERSONAL TUTORS SHOULD RECEIVE MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS TRAINING

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



RESULT

VOTER NUMBER:86

SCORE:20

MEAN AVERAGE:4.76

SCORE:15

MAJORITY:96.5

SCORE:25

TOTAL:60

2:1

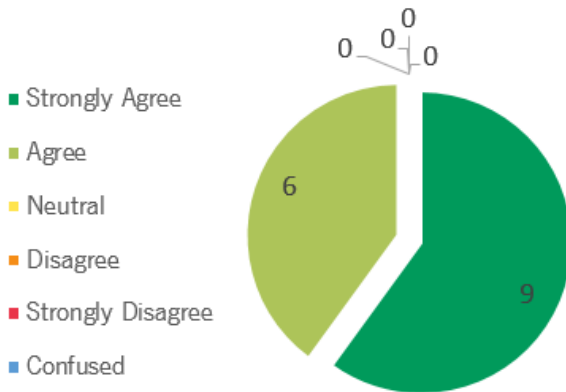
Idea Proposer's Extra Information

Currently APTs don't receive any mental health awareness training, despite being front line staff. If they had mental health awareness training it would mean better support for our students, better sign posting and more informed staff.

It doesn't mean they become counsellors, it just means they know what to say, and what not to say to students and where to sign post them too.

Normal hours for Traders and the Glenside SU shop and bar across Easter and Summer

NORMAL HOURS FOR TRADERS AND THE GLENSIDE SU SHOP AND BAR ACROSS EASTER AND SUMMER



RESULT

VOTER NUMBER:15

SCORE:0

MEAN AVERAGE:4.6

SCORE:15

MAJORITY:100

SCORE:25

TOTAL:40

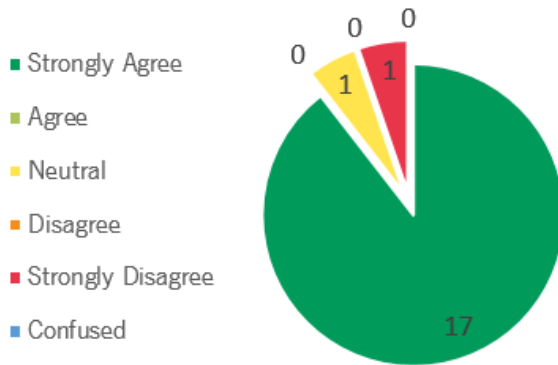
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Idea Proposer's Extra Information

The February intakes of nursing degrees are usually around at this time and the 'holiday' times are too restrictive around class.

The SU to run a continuing campaign to raise awareness of Meningitis and encourage students to get vaccinated

THE SU TO RUN A CONTINUING CAMPAIGN TO RAISE AWARENESS OF MENINGITIS AND ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO GET VACCINATED



RESULT

VOTER NUMBER:19

SCORE:0

MEAN AVERAGE:4.68

SCORE:15

MAJORITY:89.5

SCORE:25

TOTAL:40

FAIL

Idea Proposer's Extra Information

Unfortunately there has been a rise in Meningitis B cases in the Bristol area over the last few years, some which have had fatal results. Most recently on the 16th August 2017 my 18 year old cousin, George Zographou, tragically and suddenly died of Meningitis B. There has been a lot of media coverage of his death and the events following, for example the charity work we, as a family, have done to raise money and awareness for Meningitis Now. However, this work has only affected his close friends and family and we wish to spread this awareness further.

As much as our fundraising has helped raise money and awareness, it has come to my attention that many of the younger people I have

spoken to have not had their Meningitis ACWY vaccination prior to, or during their time at university. This is the free vaccination given by the NHS to protect students from the more common strains of Meningitis. As well as this, our aim is to get as many students to get the Meningitis B vaccination as we were not given this vaccination when we were children and it is very likely many people do not even know this existed.

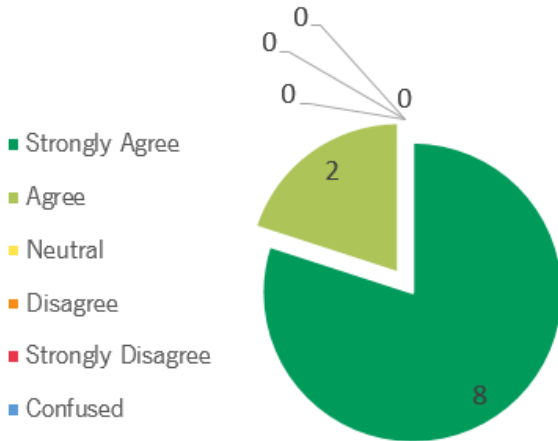
I recently got my first vaccination for Meningitis B and will get the second one two months after. It does cost money as the NHS will not give it out for free to teens and adults, only for babies, and that is why we must campaign for awareness. This small price to pay could save our lives.

It is important we make sure all students are aware of the symptoms of Meningitis and visit a GP as soon as they have any symptoms.

It is vital that we do our best to stop this tragedy happening to anyone else and that we make sure the students at UWE safe.

Simplify the SU registration process

SIMPLIFY THE SU WEBSITE REGISTRATION PROCESS



RESULT

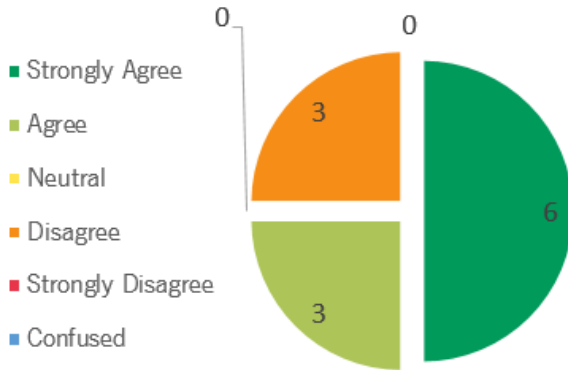
VOTER NUMBER:10
SCORE:0
MEAN AVERAGE:4.8
SCORE:20
MAJORITY:100
SCORE:25
TOTAL:45
3rd

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.

The SU to organise more social events for postgraduate students

THE SU TO ORGANISE MORE SOCIAL EVENTS FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS



RESULT

VOTER NUMBER:12

SCORE:0

MEAN AVERAGE:4

SCORE:10

MAJORITY:75

SCORE:25

TOTAL:35

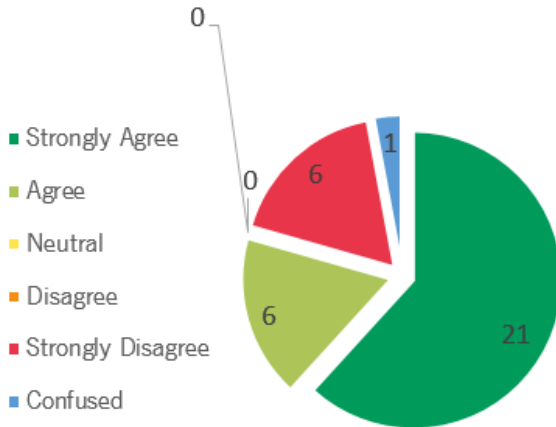
FAIL

Idea Proposer's Extra Information

Maybe there should be welcome events organised.

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.