



Motion for Change

EC23 – University Career Guidance

Submission:

That the President of the Students' Union and President of Education be mandated to work with the University to implement mandatory careers guidance to be implemented into every course, preferably in the second semester of second year, as then individuals have more time to decide options before the stress of third year creeps in.

Coming from the school of sport, I'm lucky that one lecture in week 10 of this semester was scheduled for a 'careers talk' (due to current circumstances I don't know if we'll get that Page 4 of 8 lecture) regardless, that is way too late to apply for post grads and grad schemes etc. I have used the careers team and been quite active in trying to find volunteering to build experience, as I think you have a massive part to play in building experience for yourself, but I think it should be a part of your course that you learn what you can do with your degree. After all you've just spent three years completing it! Speaking with international students, the careers team also lack knowledge for international students looking to return to work in their home countries as many move back after their education in the U.K. is complete. I know some courses who have a whole module dedicated to 'Enterprise and Employability' and I know it might not be feasible to have a whole module, but a few careers lectures sprinkled across the second year program or something similar would be beneficial. I know I'm not the only one in this position. Finishing university is a scary experience and students should feel prepared for their next step.