

S51: Reduce the cost of the Sports and Societies dinners

Senate believes:

That student activities enrich the student experience, whether that's through Sports, Societies or SW5. And with almost a third of students engaging with these activities they're a vital part of the student experience and the student body.

That the Sports & Societies (S&S) dinners are a celebration of the achievements of these student groups and the dedicated committee's that ensure their smooth running.

There are similar events run by the Union which serve the same purpose that receive subsidization on ticket costs.

That following the split of the S&S dinner that there has been a large amount of pressure placed upon the S&S committee to ensure that funds are made to subsidise tickets and event costs.

This is done through committee events in which members are pressured to attend so that the dinners go ahead.

It also hinders students that engage with both S&S as they have to choose one dinner over the other when they are engaged within both areas and are therefore not able to support both areas.

This doesn't reflect the dedication that the members of individual S&S have given to improve the sports and societies that they're in.

That the Dinners should be accessible to all, not hindered by financial reasons or status of individual dinners.

Senate resolves:

That the Students' Union look to subsidise the ticket costs, whether this is through advertisement at the events or through central funding so that to reduce the overall cost for students.

This would enable students involved within both S&S to attend both events if possible. It would also reduce the financial implications upon students at a vital time in the academic year.

It would enable the S&S committee to focus upon other areas, like aiding in the development of student activities overall by ensuring that their voices are heard. Enabling them to support students within their activities rather than enforcing event attendance.

Senate mandates:

That the President work alongside Union staff and the University to work towards reducing the costs of the tickets for the S&S Dinners.

That the President put in place strategies to reduce the cost year on year so that ensure the events sustainability.

Motion passed: April 2016

Policy lapse: April 2018