

Student Executive Council

Committee: Executive Council

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Report Title: Paper EC/1819/04/06 - EC13 Costs of Study

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1. Issue

The Council is to receive the proposed motion EC13.

2. Recommendation

The Council is asked to review and discuss the proposed motion and vote on its implementation.

3. Report

Report attached.



Motion for Change EC13 – Costs of Study

Submission:

Free printing offered to students for compulsory printing. These prints are compulsory for our course so should be provided.

Removal of library fines for overdue books unless the book has been requested. Overdue fines are an extra hidden cost of university that is not necessary. If no one has requested the book, here is no reason for its return yet and if you forget to renew it or are away and cannot, it's another added cost for students. Other universities have systems in place whereby books are only fined when they are not returned by the due date when they have been requested. This is much fairer.

More funding for resources in courses requiring heavy course materials (for example English literature) as it proves to be very expensive to purchase each semester: "As an English literature student, I have spent a large portion of the money I receive on course materials, the money I receive from aspire doesn't cover all of the materials I need and it is proving to be expensive to purchase around 20-30 texts each year."

Proposal:

- (1) That the Council mandates the President of Education to explore reducing the costs of studying, including printing, and explore increasing funding for courses with required materials to support students in purchasing those materials.
- (2) That the Council mandates the President of Education to work with the ILS Team to explore the removal of library fines.

Submitted by:

Numerous students



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Outcome: