

Sports Team Supporters – Sports teams are seeking funds for supporters' transport.

In favour	Against
<p>Having supporters at games can be very encouraging.</p>	<p>UCSU should not be responsible for paying for supporters as that money could be better used elsewhere</p> <p>On most occasions there are already 2 or 3 teams on a bus and therefore there would be no space for supporters.</p> <p>Supporters are not covered by groups insurance.</p> <p>Some supporters currently do not even go to home games.</p>

Aden Fry, the Community & Partnership Sabbatical will work with Rob Ward (Student Groups Facilitator) to promote better support at home fixtures & events first. If then there is a clear demand for supporters to travel to away fixtures, UCSU will look into the cost of extending insurance to cover supporters' travel.

Hall Inspections – Devise effective appointment system.

In favour	Against
<p>No notice received for some inspections.</p> <p>No consistency of approach as different systems seem to be in place.</p> <p>Generally there are problems across campuses such as arriving early, not arriving at all, poor response to highlighted faults and students receiving large fines for aesthetic damage or being Unfairly fined for damage that others have caused.</p>	

UCSU, through Chris Atkins, the Welfare and Support Sabbatical, will liaise with the University to ensure a clear procedure is in place for all inspections and that it is shared with students in University accommodation.

Student Group Sponsors – Student groups should be able to secure any sponsor.

In favour	Against
<p>Housing agencies give a lot of money to be a sponsor which has on occasion paid for a whole kit for teams.</p> <p>The current contract comes to an end in July. Could suggest an amendment for student groups to be able to use housing agency logos on kit, moving forward.</p> <p>It may be helpful to secure sponsorships over longer terms.</p>	<p>There is a contract with the University for UCSU not to advertise student housing.</p> <p>There can be issues with logoed kit if a sponsor drops out.</p>

UCSU, through Aden Fry, the Community & Partnerships Sabbatical, will liaise with the University to ask that an amendment to the current contract should be made to allow student groups to have housing agency logos on their kit. In addition, guidance will be issued to all groups leaders regarding sponsorship regulations.

Social Bar – To be open more hours.

In favour	Against
<p>Social bar to consider opening when students would use them best.</p> <p>Suggest they open for big sporting events and advertise that they are open.</p>	<p>Social Bar is only open at times which allow them to make money.</p> <p>Social bar is already struggling to make money, as most bars are.</p>

UCSU, through Aden Fry, the Community & Partnerships Sabbatical, will speak to Social Bar and suggest they advertise their hours more and find out which events throughout the year students would like the bar to be open for.

Brampton Road Photography Facilities – Photography studios and dark rooms to be open more hours.

In favour	Against
<p>Brampton Road site closes at 8pm, the facilities should be open until this time too.</p>	

UCSU, through John Sharp, the Academic Sabbatical, will liaise with the University to request that the photography facilities be open until 8pm. Suggest a cut-off point so the doors can be closed by security at 8pm.

Panel Roles – Vice-representatives to support panel members should be allowed.

In favour	Against
	<p>A vice representative would need to work with the panel representative anyway.</p> <p>Most representatives have no problem but the Panel suggests that, moving forward, panel dates & times are set from the beginning.</p> <p>Dates & times of meetings are agreed by doodle and are announced in advance for panel members to rearrange work if they would like to attend.</p>

The UCSU Panel agreed that no further action needs to be taken.

Renaming Panel Role – Non-BUCS position to change to Elite Sports Sports Rep and BUCS position to change to Competitive Elite Sports Rep.

In favour	Against
<p>Agree Non-BUCs can be understood as not as important as BUCs.</p> <p>Suggestion to have competitive, non-competitive & societies.</p> <p>Suggestion to have student groups & elite sports.</p>	<p>The suggested names do not fit the role descriptions.</p> <p>Elite Sports is a specific definition set by BUCS.</p>

UCSU, through the Sabbatical Officers, will consider the positions and derive improved roles titles. The new definitions will then be adopted and incorporated to current policy once they are accepted by the Panel.

Unadvertised Course Costs – University should better advertise extra costs to students.

In favour	Against
<p>All course costs need to be clear and transparent.</p> <p>Transport costs can be a big issue.</p> <p>Reclaiming expenses can also be a time consuming task.</p>	<p>.</p>

UCSU, through John Sharp, the Academic Sabbatical, to work with the University to ensure all course costs are published in an easily accessible place and that these costs are flagged up to potential students from the onset.

Smoking Shelters at Brampton Road – Weatherproof smoking shelters should be in place.

In favour	Against
<p>Outdoor smoking shelters should be weatherproof.</p> <p>This is a further action following a previous idea regarding of smoking bins by halls on each site.</p>	

UCSU, through Aden Fry, the Community & Partnerships Sabbatical, will request that each site has a weatherproof smoking shelter available for the use of students & staff.

Library Opening Hours – Ambleside campus have swipe access after closing time, can this be applied at all sites?

In favour	Against
<p>An alternative discussed was moving security to buildings where the library is situated to ensure the building is secure.</p> <p>Maybe there could be foot patrols at regular intervals which include the library or a double swipe access.</p>	<p>Fusehill is difficult as parts of the building cannot be isolated.</p>

UCSU, through John Sharp, the Academic Sabbatical & Chris Atkins, Welfare & Support Sabbatical will liaise with University to continue discussions on ensuring access to the library out of hours is improved at different campuses.

Chilling Out Areas – Student social spaces with games should be available on all sites.

In favour	Against
<p>At the Ambleside campus there is a common room for students in halls which is locked and is empty!</p> <p>Nothing at all available at Brampton Road, whereas Lancaster & Fusehill have a bar on campus with pool tables, television etc.</p>	<p>Would students actually use it?</p> <p>Is there any actual free space to do this?</p>

UCSU, through Aden Fry, the Community & Partnerships Sabbatical, to first investigate & resolve the issue at Ambleside with the existing common room. Subsequently, Aden will conduct a survey on the demands for chill out space at Brampton and investigate which space might be available for that use.

Laptops – Quality of laptops is poor and is affecting students’ work.

In favour	Against
<p>All laptops should be upgraded and old laptops disposed of.</p> <p>The University should also consider giving out chargers to students with a laptop or provide chargers in an easily accessible location so as to avoid having to swap laptops.</p> <p>The orange security strips on the new laptops affect the screen.</p>	<p>The Panel was updated with work already being carried out by the University in this area.</p>

UCSU, through John Sharp, the Academic Sabbatical & Chris Atkins Welfare & Support Sabbatical will liaise with the University to double-check on the work already completed, however all laptops should be upgraded and chargers be given to students.

Water machines & tea/coffee machines – To be available in Bowscale Building at Fusehill after hours.

In favour	Against
<p>Water, coffee & tea machines should be in the 24hours building.</p> <p>If UCSU owned a machine, the money could go back into supporting students or funding student activities.</p>	<p>In some places, drinks are not allowed by computers at all.</p>

UCSU, through Chris Atkins, Welfare & Support sabbatical & support from Aden Fry Community & Partnerships Sabbatical will look into the feasibility of purchasing and maintaining of vending machines and explore health & safety issues. They will then liaise with the University to determine if this would be something they would support.

Blankets for Computer Suites – Turn down heating & save energy by having fleecy blankets for students.

In favour

Against

Blankets could be damaged or stolen.
 They would need washed and looked after.
 Students could bring their own blankets and turn the heating off.

The UCSU Panel agreed that no further action needs to be taken.

Cheaper Printing – Cheaper printing in the library. 2p per page rather than 5p. A £1 printing credit put on to students cards at the start of each year.

In favour

Against

Other universities have cheaper printing.
 It is unfair that you pay twice for double sided printing.
 Students are expected/required to print course material and pay for it. On occasion it could be cheaper to actually buy the books/scripts.

UCSU, through Chris Atkins, Welfare & Support sabbatical to speak to the University to request that they consider cheaper printing prices and that a £1 credit should be added to each student's Cumbria card at the beginning of each year.

Minibus for Lancaster – for the use of student groups.

In favour

Against

There would need to be a bus for each site to make it fair for all students.
 There would be quite an expense for drivers' insurance and for putting drivers through their minibus test.
 The money for the purchase could be better used to benefit all students.

The UCSU Panel agreed that no further action needs to be taken.

Refreshers – Merits of refreshers. What impact does it have on students?

In favour

Against

Maybe refreshers fair could be changed to a fayre for student groups.

Should not invite organisations that simply give flyers out.

It would be better to consider events all year round not just at Refreshers.

Students come back from Christmas break at different times.

Students didn't know Refreshers was happening.

The Union could invite all local bars & venues to hold events during this time.

There was nothing happening in Carlisle & London.

UCSU, through Aden Fry, Community & Partnerships Sabbatical will conduct a survey for all students to determine their wants and needs with regards to Refreshers.