

36. Student Communities – Students come together very little across different courses & campuses, due to timetabling & personal commitments. Can something be done about this?

In favour

Against

The Panel agreed to consider this idea together with idea 40 as both cover a similar issue.

37. Blackboard outdated – In some cases blackboard contains out of date information which should be archived.

In favour

Against

Can be a waste of time checking blackboard when the majority of information is out of date.

Academic Quality are already monitoring all Blackboard sites and their content.

It was advised that the University are currently working at bringing all online systems into one more easy to use system. .

An update will be provided by the new officers to the Panel at the first meeting in the new academic year.

38. Emergency Laptop Loans – Students can book out laptops but are unable to take them away from the library or gateway buildings and they must be returned after 3 hours. University staff, however, are able to book laptops out for up to a week. In situations such as the theft of their own laptop, students should be able to secure a longer loan, as an emergency.

In favour

Against

The Panel agreed that in emergency situations the University should allow a student to take a laptop out on a longer loan. As a result, The University should have an emergency policy for laptop loans.

Not all students can afford their own laptop and have to make do with the current University policy.

UCSU will campaign for an emergency laptop loan policy in extenuating circumstances.

39. All sites of the Union to have equal/equivalent fair attention with regard to student group promotion and support.

In favour	Against
<p>Students can walk into the Lancaster office and stop and talk to the Student Groups Facilitator which is very helpful.</p> <p>Carlisle students can only call or email and on occasion there is a delay in responding.</p> <p>Timetable of visits would ensure fair access and equivalent experience for all.</p>	<p>As the Student Groups Sports Facilitator is based in Lancaster, a lot of information like success stories are shared for communications such as Facebook & student groups newsletter.</p> <p>Each captain should be asked to communicate with Student Groups Facilitator weekly with any information needed/wanted to be shared, as a matter of routine.</p>

UCSU will approve a timetable of scheduled visits for the Student Groups Facilitator, which will include Ambleside, London, Fusehill Street & Brampton Road.

40. Cross campus event – At present UCSU holds a very small number of cross campus events. Could UCSU hold an event which is open to all students?

In favour	Against
<p>Students do need an opportunity to meet people from other campuses and the event would need to be accessible and relevant for all.</p> <p>It's a knock out/ family fun day event would work for the majority of students.</p> <p>Working closely with event management course students may help with planning and will help the students with their studies.</p>	<p>The logistics of arranging such an event would be complicated & costly.</p> <p>There may be an issue of different campuses not integrating/ students not attending the event, even if it was offered.</p>

UCSU to work with the Event Management course students at Brampton Road to hold a cross campus event at the end of the 2015-16 academic year.

41. In Lancaster, students have access to free condoms & chlamydia testing kits. This should be available to all students.

In favour

Against

All students really benefit from this service and there should already be NHS services which UCSU could liaise with, in order to give the same provision at the remaining campuses.

UCSU to liaise with local NHS at other sites to be able to provide all students access to free condoms & chlamydia testing kits.

42. Work spaces at Brampton Road - There are limited editing suites at Brampton Road which are being used for purposes other than editing. Could UCSU lobby the University to ensure the rooms are monitored?

In favour

Against

Some students are using editing suites for work which is not editing and as a result, students who need editing software are struggling to get a space to work.

Suggest a rota signed off by University staff.

Consider stripping other software from other computers to ensure they can only be used for editing.

UCSU will liaise with the University to request that the use of editing suites is monitored.

43. Panel policy - Current policy requires a 2/3 majority vote from members to pass or reject an idea. Should this be changed to 50% +1?

In favour

Against

This system would be simpler to monitor and implement.

UCSU will adopt this new policy as all representatives were in favour.

44. Barrow Representative - There is currently no representative for the Barrow campus on the UCSU Panel. Should Barrow students be represented on the Panel?

In favour

Suggested that UCSU should speak with students at Barrow first, in order to see whether they would be interested.

Against

It is uncertain that students in that campus would take up the role. A continuous empty seat on the Panel would not be beneficial.

UCSU will speak to the students based at Barrow to determine whether they would like a Barrow Representative on the UCSU Panel.

45. Removal of Caldewgate Representative for Open Rep position – As there is no longer a Caldewgate campus, the representative role for this site should be removed. Should UCSU have an “Open Rep” position?

In favour

As it is now no longer a site, Caldewgate no longer needs a representative on the UCSU Panel.

Against

Open Rep position could be anything, and the candidates may not represent any group of students. It could be something personal.

All representatives agreed to remove the Caldewgate Representative position.

The Panel rejected the idea of an Open Rep and no further action needs to be taken.

46. Lancaster pathway – The current pathway from Waddell Halls to Oswald Street is not the most direct route to town and as a result a new shorter path has been used which has created a muddy pathway. Could UCSU lobby the University for this to be made into a concrete pathway?

In favour

The pathway is already being used and will continue to be used, therefore it is in the students best interest to make this safer.

The path is unsafe in the dark as it becomes muddy in winter.

Against

Students already have a path to town and they should use what is there already.

UCSU will lobby the University to ensure a new concrete pathway is made which is safer for students, on the shorter route.

47. Cash machines – Can the cash machines on site be changed to enable students to withdraw £5 notes?

In favour

Against

There are currently cash machines in Lancaster which give out £5 notes.

May be a cost associated with this service.

UCSU will ask the University to investigate whether the provision of cash machines that give out £5 notes is possible.

48. Music on campus – Having calm subtle music throughout campus will relax the atmosphere, allowing students to be more comfortable.

In favour

Against

Music is being introduced in Lancaster social space with a juke box.

Would rather have no music then the same play list on repeat.

A radio student group is hoping to begin in the next academic year.

Music will only be feasible in the Learning Gateway & Canteens.

UCSU will ensure music is played on all campuses in social spaces.

49. Student groups policy – There are currently several student groups policies which have been updated and brought together into one document.

In favour

Against

The Panel accepted the new Student Groups Policy.

50. Student group funds – UCSU provides funds for student groups, but are these funds shared out in the best interests of students? Should UCSU run a review into the current provision?

In favour	Against
<p>Some groups don't get any funds and have to fundraise and/or pay for own equipment.</p> <p>BUCs teams get the majority of the UCSU groups' money.</p>	

The Panel has requested that UCSU should complete a full review of the funds available to student groups and how these are allocated.

51. Officer travel budget – Currently the UCSU Officers visit all sites ad hoc, as requested by students & the demands of the University meetings. Should there be a regular timetable of site visits which UCSU adopts & monitors.

In favour	Against
<p>This will ensure Officers stick to the budget.</p> <p>All students at all sites will know when they will next see the Officers on their site.</p> <p>Encourages UCSU to ensure University work round our schedule of visits at most times.</p>	

UCSU will adopt the Officer travel budget & plan for the next academic year.

52. NUS affiliation – UCSU pays NUS a large affiliation fee and receives in exchange, support, training & advice. Should UCSU do a referendum to determine whether students think the money is best spent by continuing the affiliation?

In favour	Against
	<p>Clear there are obvious benefits to the affiliation with NUS.</p> <p>Large sum of money, but the Panel feel they need educated further on the NUS affiliation before making a decision.</p>

UCSU will provide students with a full report on the affiliation with NUS, including an outline of the full benefits.

53. NUS Delegate Role – Can the NUS Delegate role be an add on for one of the Panel members in the Panel elections?

In favour

Against

Currently the NUS delegate role is within the Officer elections in March. The role is simply to attend NUS National Conference in April which is a one off event. Allowing a Panel representative to run for this role, would add more value to the role.

UCSU will ensure that the NUS Delegate role will be added to the panel roles in October, as an additional position.

SPECIAL - University cuts – The University have confirmed that they are yet again restructuring with the aim of making extra savings. There are concerns that this will have a negative impact on the student experience. The Panel has agreed to back UCSU’s stance on opposing these cuts.