

1814 Provide the correct on campus facilities for Pool and Snooker club

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Union Notes:

1. UEA Pool and Snooker club has held a location on campus housing two snooker tables since the University was established in 1963, this year is the first year in the history of UEA that those facilities have not existed.
2. With the postgraduate area redevelopment plans put in place last year and executed over the summer, the existing snooker room was to be removed, the agreement was that one Snooker table would remain in the postgraduate area, as it would be a main facility of the Pool and Snooker club. The snooker tables would be taken into storage until the new area would be ready to have one installed.
3. On the 8th of September UEA Pool and snooker club received notification that the agreement between the Student Union and the club had fallen through due to miscommunication between Project Management of the new Postgraduate area and our Student Union. Meaning that there would not be any suitable facilities for the club to practise on campus.
4. At the beginning of this academic year the club received notification that the snooker tables could no longer be kept in storage; one had previously been given away to a member of the public and the second has now been destroyed.
5. The recent loss of the facilities for the club members has significantly affected the club financially, and also affected the number of members in the club with a 45% decrease since last year, while also playing standards are affected and club members' morale.
6. With UEA competing in both BUCS team events in Snooker and Pool for the first time in recent years we feel that we have been affected by the loss of our facilities. Our teams can now not practise on campus and are forced instead to head off campus to practise at a third party facility.
7. The club currently has the BUCS England captain representing the university at Snooker Home nations (England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Republic of Ireland universities play each other with a winner announced after two days of play) for the next two years and has lost the facilities to train and coach our members – with another member that could potentially be representing England in the foreseeable future.
8. Last year the facilities offered an opportunity for female players to try our sport away from an alcohol drinking environment, something that they had identified as key to their involvement.

9. Our weekly practise session has decreased dramatically in the form of participation because of the state of Pool tables that are in the bar, the lack of room that the tables are positioned in also hinders playing.

Union Believes:

1. The ability of the club to engage with students on campus has decreased dramatically from the loss of the clubs facilities.
2. Our loss of members has greatly reduced the likelihood of full and effective representation of UEA at both Pool and Snooker BUCS championships in future years.
3. The club has lost the chance to provide participation opportunities to existing and potential members, via competitive practice standards on campus.
4. The club has lost a key opportunity to inspire new members through coaching by our highest standard player ever to represent UEA. Something that was used last year to help inspire our women's and men's teams.
5. The loss of our facilities has impacted on the ability of the club to provide to a diverse audience with regard to gender. Last year UEA having its first ever Women's pool team, this year that team has already suffered a loss because of facilities and to have another Women's team is something that is in the balance to make another team this year.
6. With the loss of such a vital facility, it is very hard to see a positive future for the club, with a disproportionate amount of members this year who are from the previous year.

Union Resolves:

1. To support the club in finding a suitable room and location to provide the club with similar facilities that had previously existed.
2. Ensure that the location that would be provided would be safe from such events that have previously happened, if something similar was to happen then the club would receive a similar location to continue the club.