

1417 Provision of Halal and Kosher food on campus – 7 November 2013

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Union notes:

1. Britain is a society made up of a diverse mix of people and this is true for the university population.
2. The food served in the Union catering outlets is usually not Halal/Kosher.
3. Considering that catering and bars accounts are running at a lower rate than budgeted, the Union is missing out on the custom of these students.
5. The Union's current equal opportunities policy do not fulfil the current provision
6. The Union currently buys through NUSSL and NUSSL supplies to a diverse range of universities

Union believes:

1. That no student should be discriminated against (whether intentionally or not) due to religious belief, ethnic origin, disability, etc. The widening of food provision fulfils our policy
2. That serving Halal/Kosher food in the catering outlets would help encourage students of faith to use the Union services.
3. Supplying Halal/Kosher food in the Union's catering outlets will have a negligible effect on costs.
4. It is possible to offer both Halal/Kosher products and non-Halal/Kosher foods for which there is no Halal/Kosher alternative.
5. To throw away the non-Halal/Kosher food would be wasteful and costly.
6. That NUSSL should offer products that allow choice and reflect the diverse nature of British Society which students are a bigger part of.

Union resolves:

1. To investigate offering Halal/Kosher alternative in the Union alongside non-Halal foods.
2. If NUSSL cannot supply Halal/Kosher food:

a. To investigate possibility of outside sandwich suppliers etc.

b. To lobby NUSL to review their ethical policy and allow Students' Unions to meet the need (demand) of their members.