



**Student Council**  
**01/12/15**

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**Motion Name: Funding for interuniversity competitions outside of BUCS**

**Background:**

*The current situation, include any relevant information about the issue.*

1. BUCS (British Universities & Colleges Sport) is the governing body for university sport in the United Kingdom. Bristol sends teams to compete in BUCS competitions throughout the year in many different sports. BUCS points are awarded to the university according to the success of its teams, contributing to the university's overall position in the BUCS league table. BUCS points are generally regarded as a measure for the success of competitive sport at the university. All sports clubs can enter BUCS whether they are part of the SEH performance sport programme or not (if their sport features in the BUCS competition programme). Some sports have BUCS fixtures every week, and some have one-off championships throughout the year and attend non-BUCS competitions for the rest of the year.
2. In February 2013 a motion was passed by Student Council to provide funding for clubs outside of BUCS competitions. In response to this a Non-BUCS competition fund of £2000 was created and sports clubs could apply through the "Group Grants" for travel expenses where competition was core to the aims of the club.
3. However since the administration of BUCS has transferred to the University along with its associated budget this grant funding has disappeared. To compound the problem the criteria for Group Grants has changed and they no longer fund travel expenses or repeat funding i.e. if a club were to apply and be granted funding for a competition one year they could not apply for the same competition the next.

**Purpose:**

*If the motion is successful, what do you want to achieve? What's your vision for the future?*

1. These changes have adversely affected sports clubs and their members whose main competitions fall outside of the BUCS program (which these sports have no control over). If successful this motion would limit this impact.
2. Achieve closer to equal funding for sports clubs without any or regular BUCS fixtures.

**Action:**

*How are we going to make your vision happen?*

1. Bristol SU will either reinstate the Non-BUCS competition fund or amend the criteria of the Group grant to allow for applications related to travel to competitions.
2. Bristol SU to invest funding equally in competitive sport outside of the BUCS program.

*Proposed by:*

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