



Student Council
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Motion Name: Increase the Availability of University Resources to Student Groups

Background:

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

1. The University owns a large collection of materials and resources purchased in order to facilitate independent study and better teaching.
2. Many of these resources go unused during significant portions of the year, or are entirely inaccessible to students.
3. Student groups running events on campus are currently forced to privately hire basic amenities such as tables and chairs, despite the university having many hundreds of such resources going unused on campus.
4. There is a significant financial impact on student groups that have the need to hire such resources.
5. There is a gross lack of communication between departmental admin staff and the university between who actually owns these resources.
6. The university's sustainability department has previously leant out resources to student groups when they were in storage as surplus. However as soon as items are redistributed to departments, the resources become inaccessible, potentially due to point 5.

Purpose:

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

1. A system whereby all student groups can access and use university owned resources to benefit the running of activities intended for the benefit of students.
2. The ability for student groups to be able to easily plan and execute events on campus for the benefit of their members and their continued financial prosperity.

Action:

How are we going to make your vision happen?

1. Comprehensively identify what resources the university owns that it could (and should) be providing to student groups to widen participation and promote financial prosperity.
2. Lobby the university to be providing these resources to student groups either free of charge or for a subsidised cost.

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3. Agree with the university and student groups some form of agreement when using these resources to ensure they are not abused or damaged, and outline to student groups the consequences and replacement procedure for when they are.

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