

Lower Fees for Graduation

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This Union Notes:

1. Most of the undergraduate population of students finishing their degree next year are the first to pay the maximum amount of £9,000 per academic year after the tuition fee increase in 2010.
2. Graduation ceremony tickets for the Graduands' guest are £25 each. They are also limited to 4 tickets for their graduation ceremony.
3. A number of students come from larger families and would like to purchase more than 4 tickets for their graduation ceremony.
4. All Graduands attending a Ceremony are required to wear the academic dress. Our university currently uses a company called 'Ede and Revencroft' to provide the academic dress, and gowns must be hired from them.
5. The fees a Graduand is required to pay for academic dress are as follows:

(Please note that this is the most comprehensive list as to access more information, you need a Graduand log in)

- Rent for gown- £45 (info from previous graduates as of last year)
- Gown- £120/170
- Hood- £65 (Undergraduate Diploma/Certificate don't need hood)
- Hat- £43/£105
- Robe cover-£12

This Union Believes:

1. As students who have already paid £9,000 for at least 3 years, it is debilitating for them to be required to pay more just to attend their own graduation ceremony.
2. The £25 ticket price for extra guests is deemed expensive.
3. The limited amount of ticket purchase for each student is unfair for some who may have more than 4 family members who want to see them graduate.
4. The amount to be paid for the graduation academic dress are too much for a student who already paid around a total of £27,000 to complete an undergraduate degree. It should be noted most students also acquired huge amounts of student debt to complete their degrees.

The Union Resolves:

1. The batch of Graduands who paid the increased amount of tuition fees should benefit from the university covering the graduation expenses.
2. Each student should benefit from two free tickets for graduation, unless they stated that they don't need it. And/or the ticket price should be lowered to a more affordable amount.
3. The ticket purchase limit should be increased or removed entirely.
4. The university should subsidise the fee for the academic dress.