

Motion Title: Allow Catering Costs for Additional Funding

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This Union notes:

1. The Board of Trustees currently do not believe that catering costs should be allowed when societies are applying for funding.
2. Currently, many societies find it difficult to encourage and incentivise members to sign up for memberships despite the person being part of the society meaning societies are left with smaller budgets than anticipated.
3. Catering is at present only financed through society budgets or external sponsorships which are either limited or difficult to get. Additionally, societies are only able to get funding for food from the approved University caterers.

This Union believes:

1. That many societies are restricted in the number of events they hold as a result of no food at events due to very small budgets.
2. That having catering at a society event encourages more members to attend and brings more fun and excitement at events with food and drink.
3. That the allowance of catering costs as additional funding will resolve this issue and allow societies to have more events and not be limited as a result of no budget for catering.

This Union Resolves:

1. Through the Board of Trustees, Sabbatical Officers and Societies Officer, to work and review the current system and aim to allow societies/groups to apply for funding for catering costs when applying for "Additional Funding".

UPDATE: The Union is currently looking at accepting funding applications for all catering for events.

2. To implement a system whereby depending on the number of members a society has, will allow them to apply for funding for a certain amount of expenditure on food. The Union appreciates the idea that funding for food should not lead to waste, thus this proposed system will impose limited spending for only a certain amount of food depending on the number of members in the society.
3. 3. To work with the University to negotiate a catering contract which allows student groups to bring in food from outside the University contracted caterers.

UPDATE: Students' union liaised with Sodexo to allow societies to bring their own food to the Courtyard Café. The Union also negotiated with Sodexo that if Sodexo is not able to provide a certain type of food, Societies are allowed to bring their own food to all rooms on Campus.