

Motion Title: Iftar as part of Study Well

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This Union notes:

1. Ramadan is the ninth month in the Islamic calendar and the holiest month of the year. It is when the Quran was revealed to the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him). During Ramadan, fasting from sunrise to sunset is obligatory for every Muslim adult who is in good health I.e the majority of Muslim students here at City.
2. Ramadan lasts for about one month and commences when the moon is sighted. Iftar is the evening meal which breaks the fast. Iftar happens at sunset and Muslims often gather together to eat this meal.
3. For the next few years, Ramadan is expected to coincide with the exams and assessment periods.
4. Each year, as part of the Study Well campaign, City SU partners up with the University to organise a host of exciting events and activities throughout the exams and assessments periods. The SU also provide breakfast on some days on Study Well. This is so that the SU supports the academic performance and the overall wellbeing of students.
5. In 2017 and 2018, the Vice President of Activities and Development held an iftar meal for one day in Ramadan.

This Union believes:

1. That Ramadan is centric to the Islamic faith and thus important to Muslims students.
2. City SU's campaigns such as Study Well, should integrate events that reflect the diverse needs of its student body. Iftaar evening would be a natural addition to the SU's other events, such as providing breakfast.
3. Holding an open Iftar celebration contributes towards the SU's commitment to ensure the wellbeing of its students of faith and indeed all students. It also fosters the notion of community, togetherness and understanding between all of its students in the face of rising Islamophobia.

This Union resolves:

1. The Study Well campaign should recognise the individual needs of student groups so as to effectively support their academic performance and well being by establishing a permanent Iftaar evening meal on at least one day a week during Ramadan, if not more frequently, when Ramadan coincides with the exam and assessment period.
2. The SU should work in collaboration with Muslim students to facilitate and provide a space for the Iftar gathering.

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3. The Iftar event should be integrated into and become a permanent event as part of the annual Study Well campaign or other equivalent campaign that coincides with Ramadan if Study Well were to be discontinued.