Proposal: The Right to Education without Discrimination of Religious Needs

Background

1. Friday prayers currently clash with University timetabled activity, forcing student to miss out on crucial lessons, labs and lectures.

2. As a result, this is having a serious impact on students' academic performance and overall campus-life experience.

3. Some members of staff do not allow students to attend lectures/labs late or leave early for religious needs.

4. Religion is one of a range of protected characteristics in the Equalities Act and is an important part of many students' lives.

5. City University has a considerably high proportion of Home and International students of whom religion is of utmost importance.

Principles

1. All students and staff should be able to access Friday prayer on campus at City University without missing any educational timetabled activity.

2. The City University London should welcome understanding the needs of individual religious groups.

3. Faith plays a key role in students' lives, and faith should be incorporated in discussions regarding the timetabling of scheduled course activity.

4. Allowing students to practice necessary aspects of their faith without any compromise will positively affect on overall student experience.

5. Putting in such measures will appeal to potential and current international and Home students, to further their educational pursuits at City University London.

Idea/proposal

1. The Students' Union will lobby City University London to schedule all course related activity away from 1pm to 2pm every Friday.

2. The Students' Union will lobby City University London to ensure any type of assessment or examination is scheduled away from 1pm to 2pm on Fridays.

3. The Students' Union will lobby City University London to ensure in the interim, that no student is penalised in any form for missing lectures, labs, etc, citing genuine religious reasons such as Friday prayer. As well as providing opportunity to cover what has been missed.