

Imperial College Union Council

Motion to approve changes to halls policies

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Union notes

1. For first year undergraduates Halls of Residence, there is a £2.50 per student per week contribution to a Social Fund that funds the core social calendar for the year.
2. The Union currently provides support in terms of financial administration of the Halls Social Fund.
3. There currently exists a 'Halls Social Fund policy' that has not been updated in several years.
4. A draft of a general 'Halls Policy' that aimed to clarify the relationship with Halls outside of just the Social Fund has existed for 2 years but has not been approved.
5. An amended version of the 'Halls Policy' was approved at the College's Residential Life Committee meeting on 1st June 2021.

Union believes

6. Halls are a crucial element of the transitional experience for students so should be supported by the Union.
7. Students should lead their social activity programme in halls, as it is funded by a levy on their rent and is for their benefit.
8. As the Union administers the Halls Social Fund, it should align with the Union's financial procedures and be administered in a responsible way.

Union resolves

9. To approve the amended Halls Policy with amended Social Fund Policy that has undergone the following changes:
 - a) General reduction of length (2450 total words to 1550)
 - b) Removal of out-of-date information and improving precision/accuracy of language
 - c) Removal of some impractical expectations on Halls
 - d) Consolidated the two policies into one general 'Halls Policy' that has the 'Social Fund Policy' as an appendix