

Motion on Prayer Room Facilities at the School of Management

This Union Notes:

1. There is currently no designated Prayer space for Muslim students (and students required to observe specific prayer times) at the School of Management.
2. That students are currently expected to come to main campus to use the Prayer Room Facilities during the day.
3. That this is not a convenient solution for Muslim students at the School of Management.

This Union Believes:

1. That a lack of adequate Prayer facilities contravenes the university ethos of 'Celebrating Diversity'.
2. That Muslim students are required to observe specific prayer times and rituals which makes the arrangement for specific facilities a reasonable request.
3. That the Islamic Society and Muslim Women's Forum do a huge amount of work to provide the best facilities possible for Muslim students at the university.
4. That the university must recognise the increased demand for adequate Prayer facilities for both staff and students, especially in light of proposed legislation on Religious Discrimination.
5. That in requesting that the university engage in plans to provide a Prayer space at the School of Management, the proposers are not wishing to engage in a debate about secularism or the needs of religious students without compulsory prayer requirements.
6. That Prayer Room facilities on main campus and at the School of Management should be recognised as part ensuring students and staff are catered for whilst at work and study.

This Union Resolves:

1. That the Executive continue to work with the Islamic Society (Isoc) and Muslim Women's Forum (MWF) to lobby the university to develop the Prayer Room facilities on main campus.
2. That the Union Executive lobby the University to provide adequate Prayer facilities at the School of Management and other significant University sites.
3. That the Executive address the issue of facilities at the School of Management through every relevant university committee and contact.
4. That Isoc and MWF provide support in organising petitions and information from students at the School of Management if required.
5. That the Executive pursues this issue as a priority.

Proposed: The Union Executive