

Student Safety on Unity campus

This Union notes:

1. UBU holds a policy for student safety on and around main campus.
2. Unity campus is not included in this policy due to its separateness from main campus.
3. The safety of our students is paramount.
4. Trinity Road is an area where car windows are frequently broken and property damaged and/or stolen.
5. Lighting is poor around Trinity Road.
6. The School of Health Studies is quite isolated due to being set in off the main road and being next to playing fields, green belt land, MacMillan Halls of Residence and St Lukes Hospital car park.
7. Students, particularly nursing students are resident on Unity campus.
8. CCTV cameras are present on Unity campus.
9. University security guards are on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
10. There is a swipe card system in operation for access to the student residences.

This Union believes:

1. The reputation of the city of Bradford as a safe place was severely damaged due to the riots of the summer of 2001.
2. Student numbers in Bradford are dropping.
3. Though Bradford is known as one of the safest university cities in the UK the "Bradford factor" has resulted in a decline in students enrolling at the University.
4. Students are seen as vulnerable and an easy target for attack, harassment, burglary and vandalism.
5. Improving safety on Unity campus is part of UBU's overall policy on campus safety.

This Union resolves:

1. To pressure the University and the governing body of Unity campus to:
 - i) improve lighting around the area of Unity campus and Trinity Road
 - ii) increase the presence of security staff on Unity campus.
 - iii) increase the amount of CCTV monitoring in the area.
2. To encourage local police involvement, to reduce the number of cars vandalized and property damaged along Trinity Road.
3. To raise awareness of safety issues and advise on how students can maintain personal safety.
4. To continue making student safety a continuous priority and to inform the University and local community of that status.
5. To encourage the use of personal attack alarms which are given out during Freshers Week and are available on request from the Women's Officer.
6. To continue promotion across campus of the UBUS as a safe mode of transport.

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