

## Catering for an inclusive Union (Halal Foods)

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### **This Union notes:**

1. Britain is a society made up of a diverse mix of people.
2. The food served in the Union catering outlets is usually not Halal/Kosher.
3. The University refectory offers Halal/Kosher food.
4. Considering that catering and bars accounts are running at a lower rate than budgeted, the Union needs all the custom it can get.
5. The Union is missing out on the custom of these students.
6. The Union's current equal opportunities policy.
7. The Union currently buys through NUSSL.

### **This Union believes:**

1. That no student should be discriminated against (whether intentionally or not) due to religious belief, ethnic origin, disability, etc.
2. That serving Halal/Kosher food in the catering outlets would help encourage Muslim students to use the Union services.
3. Supplying Halal/Kosher food in the Union's catering outlets will have a negligible effect on costs.
4. It is possible to offer both Halal/Kosher products and non-Halal/Kosher foods for which there is no Halal/Kosher alternative.
5. To throw away the non-Halal/Kosher food would be wasteful and costly.
6. That NUSSL should offer products that allow choice and reflect the diverse nature of British Society.

### **This Union resolves:**

1. To offer Halal/Kosher alternative in the Union catering outlets alongside Naram (non-Halal) foods.
2. To continue to sell foods for which there are not Halal/Kosher alternatives (e.g. pork products) in the catering outlets.
3. To advertise the new policy in order to make it worthwhile.
4. To continue to review the foods it offers in relation to the religious requirements of its Union members.
5. If NUSSL cannot supply Halal/Kosher food:
  - a. To investigate possibility of outside sandwich suppliers etc.
  - b. To lobby NUSSL to review their ethical policy and allow Students' Unions to meet the need (demand) of their members.
  - c. To ask why this is the case at this year's NUS Conference.

- d. To re-negotiate our contract with NUSL when it comes for renewal in order to allow us to fulfil policies passed by our members.

**Proposed: Andy Holland (UBU Disabilities Officer)**

**Seconded: Shumon Rahman (UBU Black and Ethnic Minorities Officer)**

**At GM/99/00/3 Motion Carried indicatively.**

**For 29, Against 1, Abstentions 2**

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