**SMM – Motions (Student Ideas)**

**Policy 1 – Gender Neutral Bathrooms (Charlie Lavender)**

* It is noted that there is a lack of accessible gender-neutral bathrooms which means students are resorting to the use of disabled toilets which deprives those students of their own space. Additionally, there is a lack of signposting to these spaces and lack of availability additionally the bathrooms in the library alternative gendered toilets by floor resulting in those wishing for a gender neutral bathroom have to leave the library to be comfortable.
* Student is recommending that SUBU lobby BU to increase signposting and visibility on maps to show where gender neutral toilets are and also for SUBU to lobby BU to increase the number of these toilets across both campuses or look t convert existing gendered toilets to gender neutral facilities. SUBU to lobby BU to remove gendered flooring layout of library to introduce a more accessible plan.

**Policy 2 – Fees Tab on MyHub (Gabriel Adelaja)**

* Student is noting that several students are affected by the poor fees system imposed by the BU finance team and that payments and confirmation of such can take several days. Due to this delay and difficulties, BU can often take actions and decisions during this period that affect students place at university. This has previously resulted in several international students being withdrawn from their studies due to lack of visible payment, despite these students having made these payments. This can have long term effects on these students’ mental health and academic performance.
* This policy suggests that SUBU will lobby BU to make a provision that shows students their fee status so they can monitor and manage financial obligations as well as lobbying BU to review current payment system and identify any difficulties that can negatively impact students. The policy also notes for SUBU to lobby BU to consult with students through this process and identify ways to make the process more obtainable to the relevant students.

**Policy 3 – Postgraduate Officer (Gabriel Adelaja)**

* Policy notes that several postgraduate students don’t feel like their specific student experience is captured in the current PTO Team. It notes that whilst there are elements of their student experience represented through many other existing roles and networks, there is a feeling that there is no direct focus on representing postgraduates as a whole or their student experience, noted by the lack of a Postgraduate Officer.
* Student suggesting that SUBU introduce a Part-Time Postgraduate officer role and for SUBU to speak to postgraduate students to advise on the creation of this role and for the necessary steps to be taken to present this to the board of trustees.

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| **Proposed by** | *Charlie Lavender* |
| **Proposal** | *SUBU to lobby BU to increase the provision of gender-neutral bathrooms across both campuses.* |
| **Problem** | * *There is currently a lack of accessible gender-neutral bathrooms which currently means students are resorting to using disabled toilets which deprives disabled students of their space.* * *Bathrooms in the Cobham Library currently alternate gendered toilets by floor which creates undue hassle for gender non-conforming students.* * *There is a significant lack of signposting and availability of gender-neutral toilets across campus, meaning many students are often unaware of where they can go.* |
| **Ideas for solutions** | * *SUBU to lobby BU to increase signposting and visibility on maps as to where gender neutral toilets are.* * *SUBU to lobby BU to greatly increase the number of gender-neutral toilets across Talbot and Lansdowne campus, with a look to convert existing gendered toilets to gender neutral facilities.* * *SUBU to lobby BU to removed gendered flooring layout of library and introduce a more accessible plan and the inclusion of gender-neutral spaces in the library.* |
| **To be implemented by** | VP Welfare & Community |

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| **Proposed by** | *Gabriel Adelaja* |
| **Proposal** | *SUBU to lobby BU to create a fees tab on MyHub.* |
| **Problem** | * Currently there are several student’s victim to the current system in place by the finance team of the university, where students make payment and confirmation may take days. * This can result in actions and decisions being made in the period between payment and confirmation that greatly impact students place at university. * Previously, this has resulted in several international students being withdrawn from their studies due to lack of visible payment, when in fact payment was made but did not show by the time the decision to withdraw them was made. * This has long term effects for these students both mentally and academically and would often likely result in the students having to return home due to their student visa no longer being valid. |
| **Ideas for solutions** | * *SUBU will lobby BU to make a provision or a tab to show respective fee status on my HUB. This would allow students to monitor and manage all of their financial obligations.* * *SUBU will lobby BU to review their current student payment system and identify any delays or difficulties that may negatively impact student.* * *SUBU will lobby BU to consult with students through the implementation and review process to identify ways of making the process more obtainable to the relevant students.* |
| **To be implemented by** | *President and VP Education* |

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| **Proposed by** | *Gabriel Adelaja* |
| **Proposal** | *SUBU to explore the introduction of a Part-Time Postgraduate Officer role to the SUBU Executive Team.* |
| **Problem** | * *Currently several postgraduate students don’t feel like their specific student experience is captured in the current make up of the SUBU Executive Team.* * *Whilst elements of the postgraduate student experience is represented within many of the existing officer roles and networks, there is a feeling amongst postgraduate students that there is no direct focus on representing postgraduates as a whole or their student experience* * *This is reflected by the lack of Postgraduate officer in the SUBU Executive Team.* |
| **Ideas for solutions** | * *SUBU to introduce the role of a Part-Time Postgraduate Officer to the SUBU Executive Team.* * *SUBU to speak with Postgraduate students to inform the scope of responsibilities for this new role.* * *SUBU Board of Trustees to amend the By-Laws to include the Postgraduate Officer Role.* |
| **To be implemented by** | President |