

Student Council Motion Proposal

Discounted Club Memberships for Placement Students

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Summary:

We wish to provide students who undertake significant placement hours within their courses with a discounted sports club membership of 25% to make the offering more accessible to these students.

Student Council Notes the Following Facts:

- 50% of students are on health or education courses.
- Many of these students are on placements throughout the year.

Student Council Holds the Viewpoint That:

- The SU believes that it is unfair for students who are unable to take part for a full year and in BUCS fixtures to pay a price that factors in these costs.
- All students should be able to participate within our clubs with acknowledgement that placements are an essential part of many University courses.

Student Council Resolves to Take the Following Action(s):

To implement a 25% discount for the courses identified within the attached spreadsheet. These may be reviewed by the Sport Development Coordinator and the VPSA. Prevalent examples of these courses include:

- Paramedic Students.
- 3rd Year Sports Therapists.
- Early Childhood Professional Practice.
- Primary PGCE Students.
- Midwifery Placements.

The aforementioned spreadsheet also includes consultation with clubs regarding their perspectives on the discount. Prevalent themes in these responses are as follows:

For:

- “Personally from a Women’s rugby perspective I feel like this is a good idea as we have a large amount of players who are on health courses and this means that they either miss a large proportion of training or games.” (Womens Rugby)
- “We like that idea and think it might also help increase participation in clubs. Our current treasurer is a student nurse and couldn’t agree with it more.” (Jitsu)
- “Yeah i think that makes sense. I did placement this year so could not play any of the matches this year but still had to pay full price. So, I understand and I think it will bring in more members which is always a good thing.” (Badminton)

Against:

- The ability of ‘Placement Students’ to be able to commit to the club. (Cheerleading)
- The 25% discount would stretch the club to provide resources for the member. (Fencing)
- Insurance costs being annual only and therefore a discounted membership would stretch the club’s resources. (Climbing and Mountaineering)