

# Current SU Passed Ideas Updates-Student Council

## 10/02/2022

This is an update on progress of passed ideas. Ideas are normally approved by Executive Committee unless they refer them to Student Council for approval. [Updates are in Blue](#)

<b>Idea Title</b>	<b>Date Passed</b>	<b>Officer Responsible</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Update</b>
1. "Free Book" or "Book Swap" bookshelf!	22/06/21	President	To create a bookshelf on campus where students can leave textbooks to be given to other students.	Complete. Bookshelf in SU Welcome Desk area
2. Recycling programme for hard to recycle waste	20/10/20	President	The introduction of a teracycle scheme or similar would allow students to recycle items that they generally cannot in their household waste collection. These programmes range from coffee pods, crisp packets to beauty product containers. Having a small area dedicated to collection boxes for a range of items will allow students to reduce the waste they send to landfill, many of these schemes also offer a points rewards	Student Engagement Manager has meeting with Director of Sustainability to discuss how we can move forward with this (scheduled w/c 14/02/22)

			<p>system for your recycling, allowing the university to benefit from our helping the environment. Having such an area on campus will also make it more natural for students and staff to start recycling these products, provoking a change in mindset which will further improve the 'green' image of UoW.</p>	
3. Create a student medic volunteer programme	19/02/21	VP Student Activities	<p>Asks the Union to create a student medics program where student volunteers (health student or students with training) attend their fellow student when they request first aid assistance. This would provide opportunities for students to gain experience and also enable them to support their peers. The student who submitted the idea highlighted the example of a similar scheme at Nottingham Trent University.</p>	<p>The Ambulance Service is relaunching this scheme and we are trying to arrange a meeting to discuss the possibility of working together to deliver this at UoW. SU are staying in regular contact with students interested in setting this up.</p>
4. Women's Workout Hour	25/10/21	VP Student Activities	<p>Introducing 'Women's Workout Hour' at the university would provide an opportunity for all self-identifying women to have designated timeslots to access the university's gym facilities.</p>	<p>VP Student Activities has reached out to the University to start initial discussions.</p>

			<p>Obviously, they wouldn't have to just use those times, but the women- only slots would help tackle many issues including 'Gymtimidation', especially for those who have no or limited experience in gym settings. Similarly, it would encourage and facilitate women students in improving their physical and, therefore, mental health by supplying a comfortable and safe environment; all of which is extremely important, particularly for students. This is also key considering the lack of women's gyms in Worcester and continuing inclusive practices within the university.</p>	
5. Campus Community Garden	27/10/21	President & VP Student Activities	<p>A community garden located either at St. John's or City campus, that all students of Worcester University can actively cultivate and maintain, in partnership with the Sustainability Network. Community gardens have several benefits, some of which include the promotion of better physical and</p>	<p>SU has identified Wellbeing Garden exists next to Woodbury and is preparing promotion of the space to students.</p>

			<p>mental wellbeing for people and increasing biodiversity for plants, animals, and insects while offering the opportunity to learn new skills that can be empowering. Making nature and green spaces more accessible is especially important right now, as we've all been through many lockdowns and need this time to heal from being cooped up inside, but everyone doesn't have access to their own gardens. The University can help by providing students space within the campuses, to grow flowers, herbs or seasonal plants of their choosing with access to a small storage shed with a supply of basic gardening tools that either the students or the University could provide. A team of volunteers could be appointed to make sure the garden is well maintained and not left unorganized, littered, or abandoned.</p>	
6. Recycling Bins on City	27/10/21	President	<p>Idea calls for recycling bins to be installed in outside spaces at City Campus.</p>	<p>President has agreed installation with Estates and Facilities and bins should be installed imminently.</p>

Campus (outside)				
7. Make the 'free periods' poster in bathrooms more inclusive	27/10/21	President	<p>The tagline on the poster for free sanitary products in the university bathrooms is 'help a girl out...' I suggest that this tagline should be changed or removed from the posters as it is not inclusive for those who have periods and do not identify as female. The rest of the poster is a good signpost for the sanitary products offered by the university, but I think the updating or removal of the 'help a girl out' tagline would be beneficial.</p> <p>Though this may seem like a small change, I believe it will have a big impact and help the students who do not conform to the gender binary to feel included.</p>	This action has been completed and all posters replaced
8. Eduroam or other WIFI provider in Tramps and Mode		President	<p>Work with Tramps and Mode to provide WiFi facilities. Student safety is an important topic at the moment and providing WiFi for students on a night out is an integral part of this. The signal your phone can get inside of our</p>	The feedback has been given to Tramps and unfortunately, this is not possible at the current time.

			<p>affiliated clubs is low. WiFi would be a great way for students to keep in contact with their friends on a night out and generally boost student safety on big social nights such as Wednesdays</p>	
<p>9. Calma-tea - Arts and Mindfulness on Campus</p>		<p>President/VP Student Activities</p>	<p>We are trying to bring on campus a project that bridges art and mindfulness. We all know how stressful university can be so we came up with a project that will bring arts and crafts workshops on campus with free tea and coffee where students can join us and unwind, have a chat and use their creativity. Right now we just ask for your support and positivity. We have been working really hard to make this happen and now we leave it up to you guys. Would you like to see a project like this on campus?</p>	<p>The officers felt that this idea was already being actioned/achieved through Crafternoon's and Arts Collective activities and therefore has been actioned.</p>