

Current SU Passed Ideas Updates-Student Council 10/02/2021

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.

Idea Title	Officer Responsible	Summary	Update
1. Sunflower Lanyard Scheme	VP Education	<p>The Sunflower lanyard is vital for individuals with disabilities in particular invisible disabilities, which is a discreet sign to alert others that they are exempt from wearing a mask and alerts others such as fellow peers, staff, professionals and members of the public that they may need additional support. As we approach the academic year, there will be many students with invisible disabilities feeling anxious about the expectation set to wear a mask or simply, would like to discreetly alert others that they may need additional support. Currently, the university of Worcester is not on the list of universities that support and acknowledge the sunflower lanyard scheme. I feel that acknowledging the scheme were further support the universities aim to be socially mobile as well ultimately, ensuring everyone has equitable access to facilities in the university.</p>	<p>The Students' Union is looking to purchase these and make them available for sale at the SU. We are awaiting a notification that they are back in stock.</p>

<p>2. Recycling programme for hard to recycle waste</p>	<p>President</p>	<p>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 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>	<p>Meg has met with the students concerned and is now exploring options with the University Sustainability Department.</p>
<p>3. Dance Mats in the SU</p>	<p>VP Student Activities</p>	<p>Dance Mat (like from The Kissing Booth) in the Students' Union. It would be both fun and engaging - something different. It is also a sport which would promote healthy mental wellbeing.</p>	<p>This has been delayed due to the third lockdown and The Hangar being shut.</p>
<p>4. Bring Back Breakfast Wraps</p>	<p>President</p>	<p>The facts are that breakfast wraps are awesome. The combination of all the breakfast items is not only a delicious taste but also has a real impact on the student experience. During challenging times we should be able to enjoy the joy which is breakfast wraps.</p>	<p>This idea has been completed. Officers met with Chartwells the new catering providers and the item is back on the menu as of October 2020.</p>

5. More Diverse Food range	President	<p>The university is lacking in the range of food offered! This year, the catering at the university has changed, yet the options for vegans and vegetarians, in particular, have gotten worse. The only thing advertised as vegan, that actually tastes good and doesn't seem like a total rip-off is the hot dog from the campus shop, for £2.10. I just checked the canteen and the SU Food stand and the only thing labelled suitable for vegans was a sausage roll and a salad wrap. Not just any salad wrap, a sad and soggy 3 POUNDS salad wrap. Also, there seems to be no food labelled halal or kosher, suggesting that not even cultural diversity has been considered during the change in the catering company. As students, wanting to study in the UoW's inclusive community, this is something that needs to change.</p>	Passed at Executive Committee 20/11/2020
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