

Imperial College Union

Higher Education Funding Amendment

Proposed by the Deputy President (Education and Welfare). Seconded by the President.

Another Amendment (to the same motion)

As the Higher Education Funding Survey tackled so many different issues another amendment has come to light since Steve wrote the first one about Bursaries. This amendment adds to the same motion by asking NUS to call for variable teaching funding for different institutions and courses according to the cost of teaching a course.

The current system sees Universities awarded teaching funding from the Government according to the number of students. This does not take into account that with finite resources and space you may only be able to teach a small number of medical students but at very high cost as opposed to teaching a large number of media studies students at very low cost.

80.4% of students who responded to the Survey thought that Universities should be funded based on the cost of teaching individual courses. 14.2% remained neutral on this question. 74.8% thought that Universities should not be allowed to make any profit from tuition fees with 47.5% strongly agreeing with this statement.

The motion to be amended

Motion: 602

Heading: Higher Education Funding – Building for the 2009 Review

See Previous Amendment Paper for full text of motion.

Amendment Proposed

Amendment to Motion 602 – Higher Education Funding – Building for the 2009 Review

Adds:

Conference Believes:

10. That current government funding models for teaching and research put a greater emphasis on the differing cost in research while ignoring the difference in teaching costs.

Conference Further Believes:

11. That due to varying costs incurred from teaching different courses some Universities are able to profit from teaching funding and tuition fees.

Conference Resolves:

3. To lobby the Government to introduce variable teaching funding which takes into account the variation in costs incurred to teach each individual course.

Imperial College Union Resolves

1. To add the above text to Union policy substituting the relevant section headings as appropriate.
2. To submit the above text as an amendment to Motion 602 at NUS Conference.