

**Request for an Amendment to the Union Grant  
Regulations**

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**Notes**

1. At present, the union Grant regulations forbid its clubs and societies spending on food of any kind.
2. The Union provides grant to its clubs in order to subsidise their core activities.
3. Clubs whose core activity involves food cannot be subsidised in this way.

**Believes**

1. This policy has an enormous negative effect on a very few clubs.
  - A cursory examination of the list of existing clubs reveals six which are currently active and one which has been discontinued.
2. As an example, Cheese Soc is a large and active club, with a weekly cheese lunch and 105 members (from a target of 50). The only non-food expenditures they incur are for paper plates and bin bags, with occasional purchases of knives or a chopping board. Since these are such a small fraction of their total expenditure, and since they have recently lost access to their inexpensive source of cheese, they have been forced to choose between raising their membership fees (and thus getting fewer members) or sustaining a year-on-year loss.
3. This is a reasonably representative view of the situation facing all such clubs. They are therefore being seriously disadvantaged when compared to similar, non-food-based clubs
4. There is no particular reason that this should be the case

**Resolves**

1. To amend the CSB policy, such that it reads "Union grant awarded to clubs and societies may not be spent on food or drink, excepting when said food or drink should directly relate to the core activity of said club, as decided by the DPCS. Grant awarded to Projects may be spent on food or drink, though this should not be for student consumption."

<b><u>Management Group</u></b>	<b><u>Club</u></b>	<b><u>Members</u></b>	<b><u>Target Membership</u></b>	<b><u>Cost</u></b>
SCC	Cheese	105	50	£6.00
SCC	Chocolate	42	30	£5.00
SCC	Tea	42	40	£5.00
RCC	Vege	20	20	£4.00
RCC	Cooking	10	35	£15.00
RCC	Meat	26	20	£0.00