

Catering at Evening Meetings

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A motion to introduce free catering at Imperial College Union evening meetings for all those attending evening meetings of Union Council and its subcommittees.

Union Notes:

1. The vast majority of Union Council and Council subcommittee meetings, including but not limited to Clubs, Societies & Projects Board, Community & Welfare Board and Education & Representation Board, are scheduled to start at 18:00 or 18:30 (Imperial College Union, 2018).
2. The hours during which such meetings take place are the most common and a reasonable time for one to consume their daily evening meal (Barrow, 2013).
3. Under normal conditions, teaching at Imperial ends at 18:00 each day (Eastwood, 2012).
4. Eating too quickly can cause indigestion (WebMD, 2017; Downey, 2017) and other potential health problems (Dillner, 2017; Downey, 2017).

Union Believes:

1. Catering outlets, such as FiveSixEight, the Library Cafe and h-bar, as well as shops, like Essentials and the Union Shop Extra, charge a convenience premium on prepared food and the cost is much more than consuming a self-prepared evening meal at home.
2. Volunteers attending Council and other committee meetings should not incur extra financial costs in order to attend and represent students at meetings lasting a couple of hours or more.
3. Most people attending these meetings are full-time students who have tight financial budgets, due to the fact that they are full-time students (Butler, 2017; Department for Education (United Kingdom), 2018, pp. 17-19).
4. Students who have lectures ending at 18:00 have very little time to source and consume food, and then travel to the meeting venue in time for its scheduled start time.

Union Resolves:

1. Make food available to all attendees of evening meetings of Union Council and its subcommittees, either during the break (if there is one) or before the beginning of the meeting.
2. Make light refreshments, for example, tea, coffee, biscuits, or canapés, available to all attendees of evening meetings of Union Council and its subcommittees.

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