

# Catering for CSPs' Events

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## Union Notes

1. Clubs & Societies hosting events (including but not limited to conferences and social events) are only allowed to use College Catering to cater their events <sup>1</sup>
2. External vendors provide cheaper per item alternatives, examples include:
  - a. £1.75 for 2 jam doughnuts – cheaper alternatives such as 5 Tesco jam doughnuts £0.65
  - b. 10 cans of soft drink for £6 – cheaper alternatives such as 24 cans of soft drinks for £8 in Tesco
  - c. 10.5" pizza for £8 – cheaper alternatives in Tesco, as cheap as £1.50 per pizza with multiple pizza deals
  - d. 1 litre carton of juice £1.20 collected/£1.70 delivered – cheaper alternatives available in Tesco from £0.55
3. External vendors can provide a larger range of products, examples include:
  - a. Subway platters providing 8 types of sandwiches with College Catering only providing 3 unspecific options of 'vegetarian, fish, meat'
4. Taste Imperial have had complaints raised with them in the past including issues regarding quality and advertisement of food
5. Mandatory staffing have previously applied at costs of over £100 for 2 staff members – complaints have been raised over the quality of staffing provided leaving volunteers to perform the jobs of paid members of staff

## Union Believes

- College Catering having a monopoly means that students running events including conferences and other social events aren't able to keep their events cost efficient, and open to as many students as possible because of ticket prices being inflated by not being able to offer the same or higher quality/quantity options for a lower price, and restricted opportunities to students
- This restriction of opportunity to students is against the Union value of 'Inclusivity'
- Taste Imperial has been described anecdotally as being of inappropriate quality for the cost

## Union Resolves

- The Union should lobby Imperial College London for the changing of rules regarding catering for Clubs & Societies' events including but not limited to conferences and social events, to allow them to bring in external catering when available when issues surrounding range of choice or financial implications arise

## References:

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/media/imperial-college/administration-and-support-services/events-and-hospitality/public/Student-booking-conditions---Dec-2010.pdf>