**EMERGENCY MOTION 1* SUPPORT CHANGES TO CUSU’S AFFILIATION FEE MODEL**

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CUSU Notes:

1. That as it stands there is no link between personal membership and funding for CUSU;
2. CUSU has for years been campaigning to reform the system and to ask Colleges to pay for the central students unions through a levy;
3. Affiliation fees have also been frozen for a number of years which has meant that the central students unions have taken a real terms cut in funding.

CUSU Believes:

1. That under the current system students of a disaffiliated J/MCR benefit without contributing, and students of affiliated J/MCRs pay more than necessary to support students of disaffiliated J/MCRs;
2. This creates a picture of financial uncertainty for both unions caused by needing to provide a fixed service demand but fluctuating funding;
3. This adversely effects CUSU/GU’s attempts to improve their representation because affiliation debates are centered on commercial and transactional arguments not on political ones;
4. As long as this model places the burden on the budgets of disaffiliated MCRs and JCRs there is no incentive for them to affiliate.

CUSU Resolves:

1. To support the new funding model outlined in the Executive Summary of the main proposal attached to the motion;
2. To publicise the final version (the current iteration of which is available on request) of the main proposal to voting members of Council, before taking it to the Bursars’ Committee;
3. To circulate the final full proposal with all voting members of CUSU Council before presenting the proposal to the Bursars’ Committee;
4. To encourage all JCR and MCR Presidents to sign a letter of support for the proposal.