

Abolish or reduce the university card replacement fee

This Union Notes:

1. That as of term 2 of the 2018/19 academic year, the University of Warwick has imposed a fee of £5 to replace lost or stolen university cards¹
2. That the university proposed and approved this change in committees with no student representation and without consulting students in any way
3. That possession of a valid university card is mandatory for all members of the university²
4. That a university card is required to buy tickets to Students Union events³, a practice carried out by no other universities.
5. That a university card is required to make use of Eating at Warwick, access and make use of the library, and access to Warwick Sport services i.e. entry to Warwick Sport facilities including the gym, Westwood Games Hall, climbing wall etc.⁴
6. That a university card is required to access certain buildings on campus such as University House and Warwick Business School, and many more buildings after 6pm⁵

This Union Believes:

1. That charging for a university card that is required to make use of so many aspects of the university experience is unfair
2. That if the purpose of charging for university cards is to encourage students to take greater care of their cards rather than just lining the university's pocket a much lower charge would be just as effective
3. That decisions with such a significant impact on student experience and the work of the Students' Union should not be taken by the university without consulting students
4. That establishing a student position on the university's Financial Plans Sub-Committee would create a mechanism for students to have their say on important decisions affecting them taken by the university, currently without student consultation

This Union Resolves:

1. To mandate the Democracy and Development Officer and President to lobby the university to abolish the replacement charge or, failing this, to lobby for the reduction of the replacement charge to £2, and to offer the first replacement card for free.
2. To mandate the Democracy and Development Officer and President to lobby for a student position on the university's Financial Plan Sub-Committee, where the university card decision, and many other important decisions, are made

¹ <https://warwick.ac.uk/services/universitycards/>

² <https://warwick.ac.uk/services/universitycards/policy/>

³ <https://www.warwicksu.com/about/reception/ticketenquiries/>

⁴ <https://warwick.ac.uk/services/sport/terms/terms-and-conditions.pdf>

⁵ <https://warwick.ac.uk/services/universitycards/faq/resources/>

Policy History		
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