

Free higher education motion

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Seconded by: Executive Committee

The Union notes

- That tuition fees are a relatively recent phenomenon in higher education history, and have risen rapidly since their introduction.
- That the average student now leaves university with tens of thousands of pounds worth of debt.
- That our current Union stance only sets out our opposition to 'rises' in tuition fees, not tuition fees themselves.

The Union believes

- That tuition fees are detrimental to learning, to students and graduates and to higher education as a whole.
- It is the job of a Students' Union to represent the student body on issues adversely affecting them

The Union resolves

- To adopt a stance of clear opposition, in line with the National Union of Students' stance, on tuition fees
- Where possible, to support national demonstrations and campaigns organised by the National Union of Students and/or affiliated bodies, where appropriate, that promote the abolition of tuition fees.
- To actively campaign against any rises in fees by the University of Lincoln or the raising of the cap at a national level by the government, and make it clear to the university that we will stand in opposition to any move to raise fees.
- For the Executive Committee to bring to the attention of the student body mechanisms (such as but not limited to surveys and questionnaires etc.) which are linked to tuition fee rises, being used by the University and hold referenda or preferenda (as appropriate) on proposed action which may include the boycotting of said mechanisms.