

**Motion Name:** Restructuring the annual student bus pass (Aligning the academic year with student Bus Pass)

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***Background:***

The current yearly bus ticket structure provided by First-Bus in collaboration with the University of Bristol spans from September to early June the following year. This framework, however, results in a three-month coverage gap during the summer, affecting students, particularly postgraduates and international students, who may need continuous access to transportation for academic commitments. Notably, most new students arrive in September, coinciding with the start of the academic year. This gap poses challenges for those engaged in summer research, dissertation work, or coursework extending into the non-covered period. The proposal seeks to rectify this issue by restructuring the time frame to cover the entire year, aligning with the academic calendar, and ensuring uninterrupted access to transportation services for all students.

***Purpose:***

The purpose of this motion is to advance the education and welfare of Bristol students by addressing a crucial gap in the current yearly bus ticket structure. By restructuring the time frame to cover the entire year, we aim to ensure continuous and uninterrupted access to transportation services for all students, aligning with the academic calendar. This change will particularly benefit postgraduate and international students, as well as certain undergraduates, who may have academic commitments extending into the summer months. By promoting inclusivity and supporting students in their academic pursuits, this motion actively contributes to the welfare, education, and personal development of the Bristol student community.

***Actions:***

- 1) **Engage in Discussions with First-Bus:** Work collaboratively with SU Officers to initiate discussions by the university with First-Bus to propose and negotiate the restructuring of the yearly bus ticket time frame. This will involve presenting the rationale behind the proposed changes and seeking a commitment from First-Bus to implement the adjustment.
- 2) **Consult Relevant Stakeholders:** Conduct consultations with key stakeholders, including postgraduate and international student representatives, to gather feedback and insights on the proposed restructuring. Ensure that the perspectives of all affected student groups are considered in the negotiation process.
- 3) **Communicate with the University Administration:** Inform the University administration about the resolution and its underlying rationale. Seek support and collaboration in advocating for the restructuring of the yearly bus ticket time frame, emphasizing the positive impact on students' academic experiences and overall well-being.
- 4) **Inform and Involve the Student Body:** Communicate the resolution and its purpose to the wider student body through various channels, such as newsletters, social media, and campus events. Encourage students to provide feedback and support for the proposed changes, fostering a sense of collective advocacy.
- 5) **Monitor and Evaluate Implementation:** If negotiations with First-Bus are successful, work with SU Officers to monitor the implementation of the adjusted yearly bus ticket time frame. Gather feedback from students to ensure the changes effectively address the identified issues and make any necessary adjustments for continuous improvement.