

Motion Name: Campus space usage

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Background:

1. I have spent the the past year lobbying the university to extend the closing times of senate house to account for the demand and frequent usage of such a multidimensional building, which can account for not only the studying needs of students, but is a home for a vast majority of societies, as well as acting a safe space for socialising which provides warmth, safety, free WiFi, appliances and electricity. Senate house is 1 out of 3 of the most used building on campus, and after relentless meetings and emails the uni have temporarily agreed to extended the weekend closing time from 6pm to 10pm during the TB1 study period - However, this is not enough. This needs to be formalised to be a long term agreement and for both TB1 and TB2 assessment period from now onwards.
2. There are several different buildings on campus which occasionally are used for lectures, seminars and workshops during the day, Bristol students should be able to use these rooms as alternative study and societies spaces.

Purpose:

1. There is already not sufficient access to spaces on campus and in the next couple of months the SU will be vacating the top floor of senate house, which further will lessen the access to already used spaces for students, clubs and societies.
2. We need to be resourceful and maximise the already available space on campus which is being unused to benefit the students here and now.

Actions:

1. The Bristol SU officer team to continue to lobby the university for concrete alternative spaces which Bristol students are able to book at use for their own use such as for studying, or for societies and clubs.
2. To ensure the SU put student spaces usage as a priority, working in partnership with the university to ensure that the current space on campus is being fully maximised for student usage.
3. The SU and the University work on an appropriate booking system which allows students to book room usage in an effective and easy way, which also allows accessible monitoring for all
4. The SU and Officers to lobby the university to ensure sufficient study and activity space is being considered in the development of the new campus Temple Quarter due to be opened officially in 3 years (if without delays).