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ISOC

This Union Notes:

1. The Islamic Society (ISOC) use the sports hall for Friday prayers and have been doing so for many years
2. Friday prayers is the most important congregational prayer with over 350 people attending weekly
3. The brothers prayer room have a maximum praying capacity of 55 people and when Friday prayers are held in the brothers prayer room the majority of students pray outside
4. The Islamic Society pre-book the sports hall at the beginning of each academic year, however the University and external organisations are given the space without adequate notification for the ISOC
5. Apart from the sports hall there are no other adequate prayer facilities on campus that can house these students

This Union Believes:

1. The Union and the University are committed to ensuring adequate religious and community cohesion on campus
2. Students should come first. It is unacceptable that the ISOC are given very little notice, when the time that they have reserved for prayers is taken away
3. There needs to be better communication between the sports and society department and the ISOC

This Union Resolves:

1. To give priority to the Islamic Society every Friday from 1 - 3pm for the use of the Union Sports Hall, in order to carry out Friday Prayers, unless in very urgent situations
2. To mandate the VP Sports and Societies to notify the President of the Islamic Society at least two weeks in advance

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