



**Passed by Executive:**  
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## **A Safe Route to University**

### **This Union Notes:**

1. The recent incident on the pedestrian crossing near the Fifty-Four venue
2. That Pool Meadow Bus Station and the city centre provide the bulk of traffic around campus
3. The shortage of safe and accessible crossing areas for students on and around Coventry University campus
4. Thousands of students cross roads in and around the University campus every day

### **This Union Believes:**

1. There should be an increase of safe, clear and accessible areas for students to cross busy roads during the day and evenings.
2. That pedestrian crossings around campus are not adequate for disabled students, in particular the crossings between Cos Street/ Whitefriars Street/ Jordan Well/ Gosford Street, Cox Street / Fairfax Street and Fairfax Street/ Priory Street, which are all on major Bus routes
3. That the zebra crossings on Cox Street and Jordan Well are dangerous areas to cross due to the high speeds of buses and motorists
4. Road users should be more aware of areas which see a large volume of students crossing at all times. Traffic control methods should be brought in to slow down traffic and make road users aware of the hazards of pedestrians

### **This Union Resolves:**

1. To mandate the VP Welfare to create and promote a petition of students' names calling for an increase of road safety for pedestrians around the University campus
2. To mandate the VP Communications to promote the petition and campaign through Source Media
3. To run a campaign to promote an increase of safe and accessible crossing areas on roads in and around the University campus
4. To call for greater traffic calming measures in order to reduce speeds of motor vehicles using roads surrounding the campus
5. To lobby the University to promote and support the issue of safe crossing areas for pedestrians
6. To write to the City Council calling for an increase of safe and accessible crossing areas on roads in and around the University campus, with the aim of getting the above concerns dealt with promptly

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