



EU Student Fees after Brexit

A motion to campaign for EU students to maintain their eligibility for 'home fee status' post-Brexit.

This Union Notes:

1. The United Kingdom is due to exit the European Union on 27th March 2019 and the implementation period will be completed at the end of 2020^[1].
2. There are about 135,000 EU students in UK universities. Despite this, there is no long-term decision or joint deal on how EU students will be treated post-Brexit in the UK^[2].
3. The UK government has confirmed that EU students studying in the UK will be eligible for 'home fee status' until the 2019/20 academic year^[3].
4. Tuition fees remain frozen in England at £9,250 while a review is being undertaken^[2].
5. The Prime Minister has confirmed that the UK will remain part of Erasmus+ until at least 2020. So far, it is unclear whether Erasmus+ involvement past this date has been discussed^[4].
6. Students in Coventry University are eligible for the Erasmus grant, receiving this support through the Centre for Global Engagement^[5].

This Union Believes:

1. The non-commitment from the UK government regarding fees creates uncertainty for prospective students and Universities.
2. Students should continue to be eligible for CGE Erasmus funding post-2020, or an equivalent should be found to offset this.
3. In case fees rise for EU students, more funding should be made available in the form of scholarships to help fund their studies in the UK.

This Union Resolves:

1. Lobby the UK government to pledge that EU students will continue to be eligible for 'home fee status' for the next 5 years.
2. Lobby the UK government and University to offset the UK's exit from the Erasmus programme in 2020 by increasing funding for the CGE Study and Work Abroad schemes.

3. Lobby the UK government to participate in the Erasmus successor scheme (2021-2027) proposed by the European Commission.
4. Lobby the University to increase its EU academic scholarships following the completion of the Brexit transition period in 2020.

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