

Student Council Motion

Date of Meeting: Wednesday 5th February

Paper: SC-8.3 Parking on Campus

Proposer: Georgina Saadalla

What issue is your proposal going to address?

In previous years, parking on campus for those with extenuating circumstances (e.g. a medical condition) was free of charge when a permit was issued. However, this year the university has decided to charge those with an EC a reduced fee. This is in incredibly immoral for those who require closer parking spots due to a serious medical condition. I propose that for students with an extenuating circumstance, parking should be made free, as it was in previous years.

How does this impact students here at Herts?

How can the university justify charging people with disabilities for parking? They can't. That is why whenever I have contacted any department to sort out this issue, no one has taken any accountability and instead the issue is pushed around. This is an incredibly important issue for students such as myself with a medical condition as it makes our visit to campus easier. The addition of a reduced fee this year sent a clear message that the university does not care about aiding those with an EC, but instead exploiting it in order to make a profit. What the university neglected this year was the realisation that those with a medical condition require quick access to their car, and that is only possible if parked on campus. Therefore, students feel exploited that a fee has been added.

What would you like the SU to do?

Provide free parking for those with a medical condition that is confirmed through student wellbeing.