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To whom it may concern,

I would like to register my concern regarding the reintroduction on compulsory amenities fees.

I am currently studying an undergraduate degree part time, I work full time during the day and attend classes 2/3 nights a week.

Due to me not being on campus full time and certainly not in the day time I do not have the option of using the amenities that this new compulsory tax is supposedly funding.

So I will be forced to pay a fee towards facilities I do not even have the option of using!

It is my choice to study part time, one that I value, as I value the opportunity to gain experience in my field whilst studying, though it seems I should be penalised for this choice under this new compulsory tax. Upon reading the proposed changes I also understand that students who study by correspondents will also be affected, this to me sounds absurd.

I drive my car to university each day I have class and I pay a yearly fee for parking, my friends who walk to university however do not pay this yearly parking fee. Seems fair? Of course it does, I am more than happy to pay for a facility I am using. However by the same token if we apply a blanket rule, such as this tax will do, we should then force all students to pay a parking fee regardless of how they travel to university.

Students choose their degree, they choose their subjects, they choose if they want to study full time/part time/ by correspondence and they should be able to choose to pay for the facilities they will use!

In my day to day job, I have the right to choose whether or not I want to join a union, I can look at what benefit I would get from the union and who they support and if I want to join I can.

Why should it be any different at university, students should be able to assess where their money is going before investing it within any student organisation. I believe students are capable of making decisions when it comes to their own money, this new tax however would promote the opposite.

Please take this into consideration and stop this inequitable tax from being implemented.

Kind Regards,

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