



To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter out of fear. I am worried by the prospect of Volunteer Student Unions and the abolishment of the Student Guild. I am now in my third year of study, with one and a half years of further study ahead of me, and I do not support the VSU. Although I take for granted much that the present student guild provides for, such as representation, facilities and amenities, I do completely appreciate and cherish these. I cannot begin to imagine a university – a place to grow and learn, to broaden my horizons, to accept, appreciate and value diversity, difference and togetherness, without the student guild. With VSU replacing the student guild, many of the qualities listed above will be lost, replaced with more impersonal, mass assembly-line like training facilities that force the surrender of individualism, of basic rights and of creativity, in favor of the creation of mindless servants.

I do not know who will read this letter, if anybody at all, but I have written it regardless – because I must speak out against VSU. As a state and as a nation, we must not erode away the qualities and institutions that allow and indeed foster support, security, advice, freethinking, creativity, solidarity, community. I value these things that my student guild does provide for me. I am happy to pay my guild fees, as I, along with all university students, do receive a great deal in return. I will not be a member of a VSU and as such expect not to have to pay the substantial fees that I am currently paying to my guild. However, I am no fool and am aware that the university will still demand my payment, but under a different fee name. **DO NOT ABBOLISH THE STUDENT GUILD AND DO NOT INTRODUCE VSU – IT IS NOT BENEFICIAL, NECESSARY OR WANTED!!**

Sincerely
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