



Library Improvements Motion

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The Union notes

That the library does not currently meet student expectations in terms of both opening hours and number of resources available.

The university library is currently only open from 9am – 9pm on weekdays and 9am-5pm on weekends. While the Waterfront is open 24/7, this space is not as study friendly and means that students cannot access the books the library only has physical copies of.

The library lacks a wide range of books to reference. Courses such as Therapeutic Radiography have very few, if no, physical books within the library and this can result in either massive expense for the student (buying books), massive waits for the books (Interlibrary loans), or struggling to find appropriate references (using online website references, struggling to find appropriate books on the search engine).

It is noted that a previous trial of longer hours has occurred for the library, but this was pre-pandemic and only for short periods of time. The students now at the university have a different delivery of teaching, and we believe another trial for longer periods of time would be beneficial.

The Union Believes

That all students should be able to:

- Attend the library
- Access enough resources to complete their assignments to a high standard.

The current provisions provided in the library are not affective – especially on weekends – as students will often have part-time jobs to help assist their studies.

The Union Resolves

The SU speak with the appropriate team to try and get another trial period, so that the University students at Suffolk can have greater access to the library. In addition, they request that the library gets allocated more money for resources, especially in courses that lack these.

