

Union to Lobby College about hall accommodation fees

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This Union notes:

- Accommodation fees charged in South Kensington campus ranges from £218 to £224 for a standard single ensuite.
- This represents a 10% hike compared to last year's prices in Beit, 15% hike in Prince's Gardens
- The average maintenance loan for a student in London is £6224, which do not even cover the accommodation costs, let alone costs of living in London.
- Students have to heavily on their parents to fun their accommodation fees.
- Although college halls are run with the intent to break even, however college's official figures includes capital costs, which means we're funding college's investments.
(https://www.imperialcollegeunion.org/your-union/how-were-run/committees/14-15/Union_Council/file/2866)
- That accommodation fees at imperial are more expensive compared to the other London universities, where UCL's most expensive fee (for Large en-suite single studio is £206 a week)

This Union believes:

- That college is charging excessive fees to students who are allocated in South Kensington halls.
- Students rental income should not be used to pay for the accumulation of assets that the college owns.
- College should be taking the loss because it is gaining on the long term assets which will figure in its balance sheet
- It is fair that college should subsidies accommodation in expensive halls of accommodation given the cost of living crisis that students currently face in London.
- The expensive halls are creating a social and class divide amongst students in halls, which is not creating the diverse environment that a hall of accommodation should be.

This Union resolves to :

- Lobby college to subsidies accommodation fees
- To ask for a new option that includes subsidy and the setting of new prices for next year.
- To mandate the deputy president of welfare to release a statement explaining our position regarding Imperial College's high accommodation fees.
- Have a president present a report for the next council about her progress in lobbying college concerning the matter.