

## NUS and the proposals for National Minimum Unit Pricing

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### Union Notes:

1. At NUS Annual Conference there is a proposal for the government to introduce a national minimum unit price. This would apply to all vendors of alcohol.
2. The NUS acted on behalf of its member Unions without mandate, by campaigning for national minimum unit pricing.
3. Our union relies on the Union's commercial services, especially the bar, to raise funds for sports clubs and societies, campaigns and representation.
4. Our Union has always implemented and encouraged a responsible drinking policy.
5. Students unions nationwide are facing huge financial difficulty due to a downturn in liquid sales in their bars.

### Union Believes:

1. Asking students' unions to increase their bar prices in a competitive market would harm the commercial services.
2. For struggling students' unions to increase their bar prices before the introduction of national minimum unit pricing would be detrimental to their finances.
3. National minimum unit pricing would help our union commercially at the expense of the supermarkets.

### Union Resolves:

1. To oppose the NUS Vice President Welfare's undemocratic stance in favour of minimum unit pricing.
2. To mandate the NUS Annual Conference Delegation to follow the spirit of this motion, and vote accordingly.
3. To collaborate with other students unions with a similar stance on this issue.

<p><b>869</b></p> <p>Received:</p>	<p><u>NUS AND THE PROPOSALS FOR NATIONAL MINIMUM UNIT PRICING</u></p> <p>A resolution from Myles Smith (YR1 UG ENV) and R Walkerley (SSLC ENV). (copy placed in minute book)</p> <p>Myles Smith, proposing, argued that with the government's recent</p>
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Noted:	proposals the debate had moved on. The central part of the resolution was to address the undemocratic stance of the NUS on this issue.
Resolved:	<b>To adopt the resolution by an overwhelming majority.</b>