

Motion for the Recognition of the Cambridge University Officer Training Corps (CUOTC), Cambridge University Air Squadron (CUAS) & Cambridge University Royal navy Unit (CURNU)

Proposed by Paul Wells (Societies Officer)

Seconded by Matthew Davison (Law other rep)

Union notes:

- 1 A policy was passed in 2006 which banned the OTC from Soc-Mart.
- 2 There are around 100 UEA students currently involved with the CUOTC, 10 involved with the CUAS and 16 involved in the CURNU.
- 3 The policy passed in 2006 did not deal with either the CUAS or the CURNU.

Union believes:

- 1 The CUOTC, CUAS and CURNU provide great leadership and personal development opportunities to UEA students, as well as promoting and understanding of defence related issues.
- 2 The Government sends the Armed Forces to war, and it is the Government and not the Armed Forces that should be directly accountable for unjust wars.
- 3 While Soc-Mart should remain solely for Union societies, other opportunities to recruit students to the units should be offered on campus on Soc-Mart days.
- 4 That the Armed Forces Society is a common contact point for members of the CUOTC, CUAS and CURNU, and other UEA students who are interested in the role of, and need for, the Armed Forces.
- 5 That it is therefore reasonable for a representative of each of the three units to be present at the Armed Forces Society stall during Soc-Mart.

Union resolves:

- 1 To lapse policy 549 (OTC).
- 2 To inform and recommend to the University to give the CUOTC, CUAS and CURNU somewhere – preferably near a major thoroughfare, to recruit on campus on the days of Soc-Mart.
- 3 To allow a representative of each of the three units, uniformed if they wish, to be present at the Armed Forces Society stall during Soc-Mart.

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| Received: | A resolution from P Wells and M Davison. (copy placed in minute |

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| | book) |
| Noted: | P Wells, during the debate agreed to three amendments: to delete Union believes 2, to delete "armed forces are a force for good" from Union believes 3 and to delete "and need for" from Union believes 5. |
| Noted: | P Wells stated that previous policy on the OTC had failed, this resolution would enshrine the acceptance of the OTC at SocMart but limit them to one representative each, a similar situation to the Labour Soc having one City Councillor in attendance. |
| Noted: | A Taylor moved an amendment to delete the whole resolution , replace it with Policy 549 but with the words "all of the armed forces" inserted. Speaking in favour of the amendment he argued that the Union should be against the actions that the military are used for and that the Union should not be a recruiting ground. M Davison arguing against the amendment pointed out that the rationale behind the old policy was mistaken; its main argument being that the armed services practised discrimination because of their ban on beards, this had since been disproven |
| Resolved: | That the amendment fell. |
| Noted: | N Barnes arguing against the resolution argued that recruiting students for jobs had no place at SocMart and should take place at the Jobs Fair. She stated that the Union should not endorse the armed forces as a career. The Finance Officer welcomed the resolution as a sensible compromise which will make SocMart easier to manage. It was self-limiting as the restriction of one representative per group was self-imposed and should be applauded. He added that looking at Union believes 2 there was a case for banning the Labour Party rather than the Armed Forces from SocMart. |
| Resolved: | To adopt the amended resolution. |