

Penniless and Dormless – Exam Semester Accommodation Charges

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Union Notes

- University provided accommodation prices range from £50.40 to £95.55 a week (2009/2010 Prices)
- That dates of exams are randomly allocated
- That all accommodation contracts have a fixed date of termination
- If the student wishes to leave campus early they have to pay the accommodation until the termination date
 - The student would be required to hand the key to their accommodation before leaving on the summer holidays
- Or the student could terminate the contract before the exam semester
- Most students in university provided accommodation pay per semester
- That the cost of University provided accommodation is split into three even payments
- If the student terminates the contract before Easter they do not have to pay the difference
- Some students exams finish early in the exam semester

Union Believes

- Not all students wish to stay at University after their exams
- Some students wish to stay in dorm until leaving day regardless of their exam timetable
- That there is a possibility that some students leaving at the Easter holiday would want to stay at the UEA for their exams
- That students should only pay for what they use
- That the university is an educational institute and not a business

Union Resolves

- To mandate the welfare officer and any other interested students to conduct research into the following areas
 - Possible systems to reflect the spirit of this motion
 - The possible uptake of the proposed system
 - The likely implications of the proposed system on the cost of Accommodation
- For the welfare officer and any interested students to report to council with their recommendations in the final union council meeting of the spring semester 2009/2010

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