

Motion to support Hong Kong's movement and protect freedom of expression on campus

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This Union Notes:

This section should include any facts, figures or statements that you believe are relevant to the topic of your policy. Remember in this section clear and effective referencing is important.

1. Hong Kong is currently facing unprecedented levels of police brutality, infringement on democracy and human rights.¹
2. Some Warwick Hong Kong students are trying to raise awareness on campus about the causes and evolution of Hong Kong protests.²
3. Some Warwick Hong Kong students made an application to put up a Lennon Wall on campus for a month-long period. The University took 3 weeks to respond, then granted permission for 8 hours during the reading week of 6th November 2019.³
4. The "Li Pig", an image of a pig wearing a yellow helmet formed by a collage of post-its on the Lennon Wall, has been taken down by the campus security, without verification of the accusations.⁴
5. Due to several Warwick Hong Kong students being subject to severe threats on social media, an official complaint has now been submitted to the University.⁵

¹ <https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2019/10/timeline-of-the-2019-hong-kong-protests/>

² <https://theboar.org/2019/11/warwick-students-from-hong-kong-erect-lennon-wall-at-the-piazza/>

³ <https://theboar.org/2019/11/hong-kong-warwick-student-secretly-photographed-worried-for-his-safety/>

⁴ <https://theboar.org/2019/11/warwick-security-take-down-lennon-wall-pig-dubbed-racist-by-chinese-students/>

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https://www.hongkongfp.com/2019/11/26/hong-kong-students-uk-call-action-pro-china-threats-harassment/?fbclid=IwAR12AFbUhMnptORnkqDGbsspi9VAjlunEG5ueBHBjVKS1FTC7FY3Eyreb_s

This Union Believes:

This section should include opinions or supporting statements for your policy.

1. Students should be allowed and encouraged to voice their opinions and raise awareness of issues that are surrounding the Hong Kong protests.
2. We should strongly condemn the abhorrent human rights abuses of the Hong Kong Police Force and the Hong Kong SAR Government.
3. We would be a place of inclusion and support democracy and peace.
4. We should always safeguard the students' right to freedom of expression.
5. We should support our students in times of adversity, especially when they are far away from home.

This Union Resolves:

This section should be about how you want the SU to react, the outcome of this policy. Remember to mandate specific departments/sabbatical officers; this will make things easier for future accountability

1. Warwick SU President would advocate and support Hong Kong students campaigns by, for example, promoting on weekly All Member Email and allowing the erection of a display board in the SU Atrium until such time that the human rights abuses referred to in Believes 2 have ceased. The display board will contain materials related to the Hong Kong protests including but not limited to: post-its, info-graphics, photos and posters. Materials will either be in English or translated into English from Chinese that is originally displayed on the materials.
2. Warwick SU President and Democracy & Development Officer would lobby the University of Warwick for considering any future protest material as Warwick SU property, thereby protecting them from any physical damage and forceful removal.
3. Warwick SU should take proactive steps to protect students involved in any kind of campaigns and respectful expression, such as from malicious doxxing, cyber-bullying and death/physical threats, including a review of support given by the University of Warwick to protestors.
4. Warwick SU would publish a statement, in collaboration with the protestors, condemning human rights abuses by the Hong Kong Police Force and the Hong Kong SAR Government.

Policy History		
Action	Body	Date

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