

Policy Redesign Project

All policies and procedures are being reviewed as part of this project. This document is pending review, but remains in effect until the review is carried out.

Principles Concerning Religious and Spiritual Matters

Establishment: Council, 23 July 1993

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Nature of Amendment: Consequential amendments arising from a restructure of Central Administration/VC's office and the creation of new senior executive positions replacing the EDA and Registrar

Date Last Reviewed:

Responsible Officer: Vice-President (Corporate Services)

Council approved the following principles as the basis for the University's religious policy:

1. The University is concerned with the spiritual welfare and needs of its students and recognises that it has a role in addressing these needs.
2. Any funding request for religious purposes, as for any other purposes, must compete for priority with other identified needs of the University. In providing funding or space, the University will take into account the capacity of the group to obtain support from outside religious or other bodies, or from the Union or Clubs and Societies Association. The University will give due consideration to the allocation of some of the funds paid by fee-paying students to provide for the spiritual needs of those students.
3. In providing for the needs or demands of particular groups, the University will ensure the development of a university community based on mutual respect and understanding, and on social cohesion.
4. The University owns and controls all buildings and space within the University. Any proposal to provide space exclusively for the use of one group, which would result in other members of the University being denied access to that space, will receive the closest scrutiny by the University. However, in evaluating a proposal, the University will recognise the legitimate needs of students for space to undertake the normal religious practices associated with their religious affiliation.

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5. The University will avoid being used as an instrument by which any religious group seeks to exercise control over its members.
 6. The University will not provide facilities to religious or other groups whose activities are seriously detrimental to the welfare of students and to the educational purposes for which the students are attending the University.

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