

**Motion: Cap the Rents**

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**Union Notes:**

- The college has sold the lease to 3 of the 6 student halls they manage to Campus Living Villages.
- The other Halls of Residences owned by CLV have rents set between £172 pw to £253 pw. this means you could be paying over £12,000 for living in one of their accommodations for a year.
- The renovations will cost around £8 million.” £8 million represents a more than affordable figure for an institution such as Goldsmiths. Especially when you consider that they spent £1.4 million on renovating the front of RHB a year ago.
- London has some of the highest rents in the world.
- The NUS has committed to lobby to ensure that the price of rent in student halls is no more than half of an average students’ maintenance loan.

**Union Believes:**

- Students should have an affordable, good quality standard of living.
- A student's maintenance loan should cover their cost of living, rent should be no more than half of that loan.
- Problems with housing affect students’ ability to study.
- Private companies should not be making a profit out of our education.

**Union Resolves:**

- Lobby Campus Living Villages keep the rent capped in line with University managed accommodation.
- Lobby the University to reduce rents to half of the average maintenance loan.
- Mandate the Union to lobby the College to carry out quality checks on student halls in collaboration with the Union.
- Support the creation of a collective bargaining deal between the University and the Union to ensure students are consulted on deals such as the one with CLV.
- Lobby London Mayor candidates to support rent caps in London.