

Name of application: Seating Lecture Halls H1-H3

Text of application:

The seating, including desks within lecture halls H1, H2 and H3 are to be replaced with better cushioned ones with higher backrests. Ergonomics should be taken into consideration. Additional sockets should be installed as well.

Reason for application:

The seating within the lecture halls isn't up to date anymore. Lacking in padding and ergonomics with short backrests turn longer sitting into a painful experience. Additionally, the lecture halls lack sockets and some chairs are simply broken.

Proposed resolution:

The plenary assembly decides for chairs within lecture halls H1, H2 and H3 to be replaced by ones with better ergonomics and more sockets to be installed.

Name of application: Water dispensers

Text of application: We desperately need water dispensers on every campus --> better filtration!

Reason for application:

The water in the toilets is harmful to human life. This we as students cannot agree with our conscience.

Proposed resolution:

The plenary assembly decides for water dispensers with adequate filtration to be installed on every campus.

Name of application: Waste separation:

At our University there are a lot of bins. However, it is questionable how the separation is done. In most rooms, there are two unlabelled bins. To be separated are paper, plastic, other waste, organic waste and glass though. In the new building separation seems to have failed as well. Two to three options for separation can be found in a few places, but full separation is not possible with the existing infra structure. I spoke to the president, concerning this matter, at an event last winter semester. He deflected the criticism, by pointing out that students were incapable of waste separation anyway. Upon which I initiated a self-trial within the open learning factory J207 within the institute of primary school didactics and general studies. I position an additional cardboard box labelled old paper next to the three standards containers. The box was taken by the cleaning personnel every time, removing the option for separation with every cleaning. I imagine, the label was never read. Despite signs for awareness and trying to fully separate, I failed time and time again. Despite this I am trying to change the Situation at the University on this way now, in order to yet resolve the waste separation issue. The cleaning personnel would have to be encouraged to separate waste and the University would have to supply big containers, as well as sufficient mobile containers.

Reason for application:

If we are to make our University more sustainable as well as healthier, consideration of waste separation is necessary. Furthermore, the University functions as a role model for its students as well as other external groups and constitutes this in its basic principles:

“We are aware of our responsibility for society and culture, which carry and support us and which we as well carry and support.”

(Universität Hildesheim 2013: 109; translated)

Insufficient options for waste separation can be demotivating and possibly lead to students and employees getting rid of their waste into the wrong bins.

Mention of Minerva 2000

“Universities as places of learning are to teach skills and values next to their traditional task of generating and teaching knowledge in view of changing societies and new global challenges. A future oriented education within a modern democratic-pluralistic society has to follow the motive of sustainability and needs to include sustainability education next to topic specific knowledge.” (Universität Hildesheim 2013:10; translated)

Proposed resolution:

The plenary assembly decides to support waste separation at the University. The student’s representatives will work towards a suitably designed campus.

Name of application: Springer Link

Text of application:

Propose to the Universities Library, to establish access to Springer Link. As Springer offers a wide range of literature, which is available online.

Reason for application:

The Universities Library is lacking especially in IT.

It is saddening to be advised by the Professors to rather search the Library in Hannover for appropriate literature. Additionally, it helps the students to have documents in pdf. Chosen Documents can be stored on flash drives and easily accessed at home, without carrying lots of heavy books. Additionally, the literature is available to many students at once.

Proposed resolution:

The plenary assembly decides to allow access to online literature of the Springer Verlag, especially for IT related topics.

Name of application: Recorded lectures

Text of application:

I apply for lectures and the like, for example in mathematics to be recorded and “published” in the Learnweb or otherwise.

With these recordings understanding of the lectures should be improved for my fellow students and me as well as coming to University for a single lecture (from further away) made unnecessary. I stress, that everything needs to be lawful and only the contents of the lecture are to be recorded.

Reason for application:

It's not always possible to understand every part of the lecture not to speak of taking notes. Students who take long distances upon themselves, would be spared the feeling of guilt, for not attending the lecture.

Proposed resolution:

The plenary assembly decides to enable Video recordings of teaching personnel and content relevant for tests(lectures).

Name of application: Accountability report of the student's parliament

Text of application: I hereby apply for the members of StuPa to deliver an oral accountability report to the plenary assembly for the last semester.

Reason for application:

As the StuPa's work is not present with the student's and the last available protocol of a StuPa session is from April 2018 (as of 03.12.18), the StuPa's work is not transparent at this time. By delivering an accountability report to the plenary assembly transparency is to be improved. Especially at this time, shortly before the next elections, this information would ease the decision about their choice for members of the next student's parliament for many voters, contributing to its quality.

Declaration:

Because the sudden approval of this application could result in a delay of the assembly, the resolution was converted into:

Proposed resolution: The plenary assembly decides for the Members of the StuPa to report accountability for their work quarterly (all 3 months).

Name of application: Removal of Snack machines

Text of application:

The machines, supplied by the Studentenwerk offer products, produced by companies like “Coca Cola”, “PepsiCo” and “Nestle” because of various reasons, the machines should be removed.

Reason for application:

Because the named companies have dubious base guidelines and exchange of the products has proven difficult, the machines should be removed until an alternative solution is found. They only represent a small amount of the Studentenwerk's income. Instead of the currently offered products, alternative fair products should be offered.

Proposed resolution:

The plenary assembly decides for snack machines to be removed from the University of Hildesheim.

Name of application: Election Rules

Text of application:

Elections at the University of Hildesheim are very undemocratic at this time. Most other Universities, even smaller ones, use list elections, allowing for content-based elections.

Reason for application:

Politic participation is a part of University politics. List elections allow for content to be brought into UNI-politics and parliament and not only vote for faces without knowing their political views.

Proposed resolution:

The plenary assembly decides to change election rules for students of the University of Hildesheim, in order to allow list elections and replace personal elections. The Students parliament commits itself to write up functional election rules.