1285 UUEAS Sustainable Transport policy Passed amended 6 Dec 12

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The Union Notes:
1. That transportation is a significant contributor towards CO2 emissions. Domestic transportation accounted for 20% of UK emissions in 2009 (Department for Transport 2011), while aviation emissions currently account for 2% of global emissions, rising to 15-20% by 2050 if left unchecked (Committee on Climate Change 2012).

2. That as part of its vision, the UUEAS is committed to being 'an exceptional ethically and environmentally focused' union, yet no comprehensive policy on sustainable transport currently exists.

3. That in many cases, viable options exist as alternatives to private vehicles and air travel, including cycling, trains, buses and group travel via minibus or car-sharing.

The Union Believes:
1. That climate change is an urgent threat, and the union has a responsibility to act in a manner that reflects this.

2. That union members should make efforts towards minimizing emissions arising from transportation.

3. That implementing such a policy will demonstrate the union's commitment to the environment and help to fulfill its vision.

4. That in order to effectively lobby the university on sustainability, the union must act as a role model and maximize sustainability within its own activities, including transportation.

The Union Resolves:
1. To integrate guidance on sustainable transportation for any UUEAS employee required to commute, including suggestions on alternatives to private vehicles used as a means of transportation, as part of the application and interview process for all new and future staff members of the union.

2. To aim, where possible, to minimize unnecessary journeys for union business, and to promote cycling, car sharing and public transport.

3. To extend motion 1133 banning domestic air travel, and ban flying for all union activities, **excluding** those of **peer support groups,** Clubs and Societies, in Western Europe (1) where alternative transport exists, **unless transport has already been booked,** except in exceptional circumstances whereby a case must be presented to **SOC** in justification of need.

(1) For the terms of this policy, Western Europe is taken to include the following countries: Belgium, France, the Netherlands, Germany, Denmark, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Lichtenstein, Austria, Spain, Portugal, Andorra, Italy, **Monaco, Ireland** and San Marino.