

Student Council Meeting Location

Student council is currently held in a Cadman boardroom on the Stoke campus. I'd like to suggest we move meetings in Stoke to the LRV for two reasons.

When running for election, I said at Question Time I wanted to change the location to improve approachability. In my opinion, "Cadman boardroom" holds a danger of sounding alien to students.

The LRV is my initial suggestion because not only is it a well known name and venue, it is in a central location and easy to access from student halls and nearby residences – making student council meetings more open and approachable to students.

The boardroom has been adequately sized for council but with the election of STARs to council I imagine (and I'm writing this in advance of the meeting) that the boardroom may no longer be able to comfortably accommodate meetings.

The biggest problem I considered about moving to the LRV was the presence of alcohol, even if it's not on sale, for international and/or religious students.

I contacted Clare Ridgeley, the University's Diversity Manager and she emailed me a follow up to our phone call to share with you:

"I have spoken to my colleague Hifsa who works with our International students and she confirmed what I had said.

We suggest that you take it to the next meeting and see what feedback you get. If it is communicated clearly that alcohol won't be being served when the meetings take place then most people shouldn't have any issues with holding the meetings in the LRV.

Hifsa says that many of the International students use the venue anyway."

I'd like to discuss with the student council my proposition of moving meetings to the LRV, the logistics of having meetings there and any possible action to follow.

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