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# The Charter for Change Timetable and Information

**Please send all suggestions, ideas and comments. Remember: CUSU is your Union and together we can influence the University to make a lasting difference. Let us know what you want to see changed.**



Please read this document and pass it on to anyone in your JCR, MCR or College Union who might find it useful. It will only take two minutes of your time and will let you be involved in a key campaign within CUSU.

**<http://www.cusu.cam.ac.uk/campaigns/education>**

## Introduction

Problems with the Education System within the University have been around for many years. It has become increasingly apparent that the University is unable and unwilling to get to grips with these problems: the two Joint Committee on Academic Standards reports (which looked at why specific groups of students get worse results in Tripos exams), have been pathetically poor in their recommendations and few ideas are being produced by other University bodies. Therefore, it seems that the only way change can be achieved is by the students, through CUSU, creating their own solutions to the problems with Education in the university. These solutions will be written up into a Charter: ***the Charter for Change***, which will be presented to the University. By proposing our own sensible, effective and irrefutable solutions to the Education problems within the University, the University will have to listen and lasting change will be achieved.



## Contents of the Charter

The Charter will contain proposals for reform in the following areas:

*Supervisions*

*Examinations*

*Lectures*

*Library Facilities*

*Openness within the University and Colleges*

*Miscellaneous Proposals*

## How the Charter will be Submitted

Copies of the Charter will be tailored to each Faculty, College and Department within the University so each body will only receive the information relevant to itself. Each body will then be sent their tailored copy at the start of the 2006-7 Academic Year for discussion. A display copy of the Charter will also be created, hopefully signed by every College JCR and MCR President; the CUSU and GU Presidents and the Student Faculty Board Members. It is hoped that this can be ceremonially presented to the University on the first day of Full Term of Michaelmas 2006.

## Timetable

**13th March until 2nd May**  
Brainstorming of ideas.

**2nd May until 9th May**  
Writing up of a draft Charter.

**10th May- CUSU Council Easter I**  
Presentation of the draft Charter to CUSU Council.

**10th May until 24th May**  
Fine tuning of the Charter in light of comments on draft.

**24th May until 14th June**  
Ratification of the Charter by Colleges and Student Faculty Board Members.

**14th June- CUSU Council Easter III**  
Formal adoption of the Charter by CUSU Council.

**15th June to 3rd October**  
Compilation of signatures for display copy, tailoring of the Charter for each individual body.

**3rd October**  
Formal presentation of the Charter to the University.



## What You Can Do

This project relies on co-operation to succeed. Therefore, please contact the CUSU Education Officer (details on back) with details of any problems you have with the Education provided by the University, which you would like the Charter to address, and any proposed solutions or suggestions. Speak to your JCR, MCR or College Union and you Faculty Board Representative and get them involved. The more ideas that are suggested, the better the Charter will be.