Cruelty-Free Cleaning and Personal Hygiene Products

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Union Notes:

1. Anglia Ruskin University is proud to be one of several universities that no longer practice animal testing.
2. That animal testing is unnecessary, inhumane and impractical as a result of conflicting species dissimilar biologies.
3. On March 11th 2013, the Cosmetics Directive was brought into effect. The European Union introduced a complete ban on the sale of all new cosmetics that have been tested on animals. This includes only cosmetic products that are produced within the EU.
4. The university facilities team currently employs a cleaning team from ISS to meet the needs of both Cambridge and Chelmsford campuses.
5. ISS as a company is committed to sustainable cleaning, as evidenced by its eco-certifications from groups including Green Seal, ISSA CIMS and the U.S Green Building Council.
6. Anglia Ruskin University is making continued efforts towards reducing its environmental footprint.

Union Believes:

1. Both Anglia Ruskin and the Students Union have an obligation to set an example to its student body about the importance of environmental responsibility, global sustainability and ethical consumerism.
2. That Anglia Ruskin should take inspiration from the aforementioned Cosmetics Directive within the EU, and apply a similar policy to cleaning and personal hygiene products across its campuses.
3. That this policy, if adopted would complement the existing 2013 Environmental Union resolution (point number 11) to: 'Ensure the sourcing of environmentally friendly alternatives to products where possible'.
4. That the proposed policy would assist in scoring additional Green League points through the Sustainable Procurement Accreditation scheme.

Union Resolves:

1. That the Students Union and its officers actively campaign and lobby Anglia Ruskin University to implement the purchasing and use of cruelty-free cleaning and personal hygiene products at both of its campuses.
2. The Students Union, together with the Vegan Society (and other union bodies), will formulate a paper to be submitted to Space, Sustainability & Campus Management, so as to have the policy passed within the University committee structures.
3. That the products purchased must be approved by BUAV (British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection) or a similar organisation to ensure no ingredient in any given product has been tested on animals (http://buav.org/).

4. That the products purchased must be approved by the Vegan Society or a similar organisation to ensure no ingredient in any given product contains animal products or animal by-products (http://www.vegansociety.com/lifestyle/is-this-product-vegan.aspx).