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MANDATE

Motion to Increase Wheelchair Accessibility on Campus

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Student Senate notes:

That while some parts of Maynooth University campus have very high coverage of wheelchair accessible entrances and routes, with ramps into and out of the buildings, and elevators giving access to every floor of the buildings, it has been noted that several portions of campus, especially South Campus, are severely lacking in terms of appropriate access for wheelchair users. In addition to this issue, it has been noted that where buildings do have appropriate wheelchair accessibility, the signposting of these entrances into and routes through the buildings is not to a satisfactory standard.

Student Senate further notes:

That due to a number of buildings on South Campus being Listed Buildings, certain adjustments to the buildings such as the installation of an elevator would not be possible. In these cases however it is possible to install a ramp on the exterior of the building.

Student Senate believes:

That the university should be open and accessible to all students, and as such access to buildings should be available to any student who wishes to access them, regardless of disability.

Student Senate therefore mandates:

That the Students' Union President or an appointee of the President lobbies the University to make all buildings and pedestrianised areas on campus as wheelchair accessible as possible, and to introduce appropriate methods of signposting these entrances and routes into every building on campus.