



University of Bradford Union of Students

Emergency Motion – Free Arnold

“A Call for Arnold Ntiburumusi to be able to continue his Education”

The Union Notes:

1. Arnold Ntiburumusi is a final year BSc Computer Science student at the University of Bradford and under university regulations, both academically and financially, he can continue his degree. He is currently being held in Oxford with no legal representation.
2. Arnold is a political refugee from Burundi and has been in the U.K since 2003.
3. The date set for Arnold’s removal from the detention centre is set for Sunday 3 February.
4. That a decision regarding the removal of Arnold had not been reached when he first commenced his studies.
5. That his brother, who was also a student at this university, has been granted indefinite stay.
6. That Arnold has family and friends in Bradford where he has established a new home and new life.
7. Both MP Marsha Singh and the Vice Chancellor Mark Cleary have written letters in support of Arnold to remain in the U.K until he has finished his degree

The Union Believes

1. That Arnold should be deferred deportation until he finishes his degree in 4 months time (May 2008)
2. The political situation in Burundi is still very unstable and if removed, the future for Arnold is very uncertain
3. That a degree in computer science will benefit himself and help him gain employment in a number of countries

The Union Resolves

1. To continue working with Marsha Singh and Mark Cleary on deferring his removal from the U.K
2. To continue lobbying the home office by starting a fax/letter writing campaign to delay Arnold’s removal until he has finished his degree.
3. To keep on campaigning in other ways, with full permission from Arnold, in order to defer his removal from the UK

Proposed and seconded by
Executive Committee