

Proposer: Sally Bonsall

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### **No to Blurred Lines**

#### **This union notes:**

- That 'Blurred Lines', a song by Robin Thicke and Pharell Williams, is deeply misogynistic due to its lyrics and its music video. When questioned on the controversial nature of the song, Robin Thicke replied 'we tried to do everything that was taboo. Bestiality, drug injections, and everything that is completely derogatory towards women... What a pleasure it is to degrade a woman. I've never gotten to do that before'.
- That 'Blurred Lines' also overtly condones rape as its title suggests that there is a blurred distinction between women consenting and not consenting to sex: 'I hate these blurred lines, I know you want it'.
- That several other Student Unions around the country - Edinburgh, Leeds, Derby and UWS - have already taken a strong stance against the dangerous attitude that this song promotes and banned the song from being played within their SUs.

#### **This union believes:**

- That 'Blurred Lines' fosters and promotes 'rape culture'; an environment where sexual violence is trivialised and normalised.
- That the song also promotes casual sexism and misogyny.
- That rape culture, misogyny and sexism should not be tolerated and fostered within the SU. All of LSESU's members should feel safe in their own union.

#### **This union resolves:**

- That 'Blurred Lines' is banned from being publicly played anywhere within LSE Students' Union to take a strong stance against all forms of sexual violence and misogyny, ensuring a safer environment for the union's members.

Passed 10.10.2014

49 yes

40 no

Indictive vote passed by the Students' Union Executive.