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New Challenges
keeping the momentum

PROPOSALS FOR THE

Student Body



Universidad de Oviedo
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1. We will recommend to the Social Council a reduction in the requirements of the University of Oviedo's "Progress and Permanence Regime" and that it be suspended at times of health alerts.
2. We will guarantee continuous and differentiated assessment for students, whenever circumstances require.
3. We will set up the E-UNIOVI observatory aimed at student academic, professional and personal orientation – particularly for more difficult subjects – and offer the services of the psychological support office.
4. We will continue with our policy of reducing tuition fees, in agreement with the government of the Principality of Asturias, until university studies are fully free.
5. We will maintain our unwavering commitment that no university student should have to abandon their studies for lack of financial resources.
6. We will increase and extend support for urgent and unexpected needs, enrolment fees and internet connections at students' homes. We will institutionalise and expand our programme of lending computers and other communications equipment for online teaching.
7. We will increase the number of paid work placements and the employability of students in national and international institutions and companies, including the university's centres and services themselves. In this, we will be backed by the faculties and schools, the University of Oviedo Foundation, and official organisations of the Principality of Asturias.
8. We will improve and increase work placements at health centres and educational institutions, and develop a service-learning programme.
9. We will financially support student associations and team-based projects aimed at practical training and cooperation, volunteering and science and technology outreach.
10. We will extend patronage culture by promoting new grants and scholarships with individuals, local councils, companies and public authorities.
11. We will promote employability and a culture of entrepreneurship through our multiple partnership programmes with companies and institutions and our employment office. To encourage this relationship, we will keep in touch with graduates through our Club Alumni 360o UO.
12. We will continue to promote the international education of our students and their language learning through our House of Languages and bilingual programmes.
13. We will continue to enhance and expand the capacity of our Virtual Campus, with cloud services of unlimited capacity and provide more computing resources for teaching through the services of the university's Teaching Innovation Centre.
14. We will continue to expand Wi-Fi coverage with necessary access points to ensure that it functions properly and provide accurate information about its capabilities and optimal use. We will guarantee Wi-Fi connection across the university campus.
15. We will equip our resource centres for online teaching and increase resources for the Audiovisual Media Service and the Teaching Innovation Centre to support blended and online learning. We will also reduce group sizes to encourage the application of new teaching methodologies.
16. We will emphasise improvements to university transport by increasing frequency and quality of the buses that provide access to the university's campuses. We will help support mobility by providing a large fleet of electric vehicles to provide access to campus and connectivity between campuses.
17. We will continue to improve the University of Oviedo's buildings and infrastructure so that they are inclusive, sustainable and accessible. We will continue our programmes to improve the infrastructure and equipment of our practice labs and computer rooms.
18. We will increase the space allocated for university dining rooms (both self-service and attended) so that they are healthy, safe spaces within the university campuses.
19. We will increase the number of accommodation places on the university campuses, with the new hall of residence on the Gijón campus and the projects underway in Oviedo. We will encourage their use by reducing fees.
20. We will continue to develop strategies against harassment and to combat sexist and discriminatory attitudes at the University of Oviedo and will protect our students against all types of injustice that they may suffer in the course of their studies.
21. We will continue to encourage free sport for everyone as part of the training for healthy development and will support competitive university sports as part of demonstrating pride in our university.
22. We will continue to guarantee our students' emotional and physical wellness by raising awareness and implementing our protocol against harassment in all its forms, including educational psychology support.
23. We will defend diversity and gender equality by applying our code of ethics and including the student body in the University's 2nd Equality Plan.
24. We will promote the students' democratic election of its representatives to the faculties and schools' quality committees.