

cus sustainability

UNDERGRAD LOUNGE SUGGESTION.



educating through greening our space



Single Use Plastics and Disposable plastics are the main source of plastic pollution.

Consumption of single use and disposable plastics has spiralled out of control. They are used for seconds, hours, or days, but their remains will last hundreds of years.

Most of our waste today is comprised of **plastic**. Plastic, which is made from petroleum, is a material that the Earth cannot digest.

Every bit of plastic that has ever been created **still exists**, except for a small amount that has been incinerated, releasing toxic chemicals.





The CUS has **14 clubs**
hosts **5 major conferences, FROSH,**
Business Week, POITS, etc.

Within the CUS, there are
many AGMs, BOD Meetings,
and on-campus events that
serve food & drink.

Long Story Short:

With the exception of conferences hosted at hotels, the CUS serves food with single-use disposable products: paper, plastic, or Styrofoam cups, plates, and cutlery.



Waste that ends up in landfills, oceans, or exported to other countries.

One cup of hot chocolate served in a **styrofoam cup**.
Two pizzas served on a **paper plate**.
One plate of pasta eaten with a **plastic fork**.
One slice of cake eaten with **another plastic fork**.
All to be thrown into the garbage.



SUGGESTION:

The CUS purchases dishware (plates, cups, and cutlery) for the CUS Lounge, to primarily be used for on-campus CUS affiliated events.

With just a fraction of our



**\$1.1 MILLION
BUDGET**



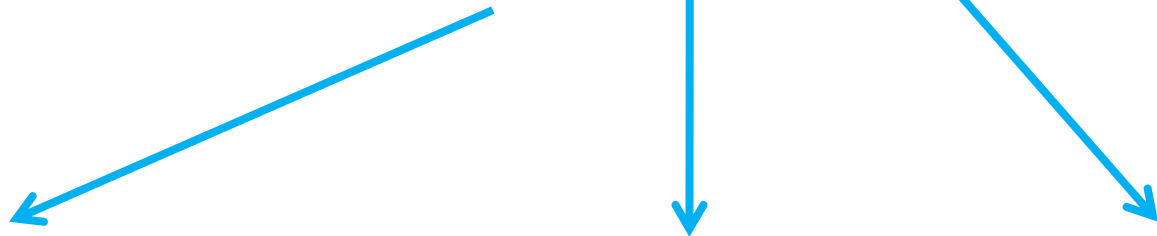
**Purchase a set of reusable, CUS
owned plates, cups/mugs, and
cutlery (# units TBD).**

These products would be stored in the CUS Lounge, available *for free* to any CUS Club/Conference who is holding a small on-campus event that serves food.

SEE **PAGE 1** OF ACCOMPANYING PDF FOR PRICE QUOTES

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1. Reduce

amount of wasteful single-use plates/cups/cutlery used at (many years' worth of) CUS events, while saving the repeat expenditures spent by the CUS on single-use products.

2. Replace

expensive single-use biodegradable options that no CUS club currently purchases.

3. Promote

the use of reusable, sustainable products to divert unnecessary waste into landfills; promote *responsible consumption*.

Why do we buy single-use products?

**Convenience.
Affordability.**

**Providing communal, CUS owned
dishware to clubs for on-campus
events is convenient & affordable
(free to the club, one time cost to the
CUS as dishware has long useful life).**

Convenience: How to wash dishes?

\$400-700



Install Dishwasher in CUS Lounge, where dishware would be stored.

- See price quotes and pros/cons in accompanying PDF, page 2.

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Use another dishwasher in Henry Angus

- Dean's Office Staff Room
- CLC/David Lam Staff Room

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Install a Kitchenette in the CUS Lounge to allow for hand washing.

- Quite inconvenient... Students may never end up using the communal dishware.

SEE **PAGE 2** OF ACCOMPANYING PDF IN-DEPTH DISHWASHER PROPOSAL

WHY THIS SUGGESTION?



Reduce the amount of wasteful single-use plates/cups/cutlery used at CUS events over many years, while saving repeat expenditures spent by various CUS clubs on their single-use products.

Replace the need to purchase an expensive single-use biodegradable and compostable option that no CUS Club currently purchases.

Promote the use of reusable, sustainable products that divert unnecessary waste into landfills; promote responsible consumption and awareness about the “truth behind plastics” or disposable products.

PLEASE SEE ACCOMPANYING PDF FOR MORE INFO.