# The ERASMUS+ 'Student Experience'

(ERASMUS + = more than the sum of the parts)



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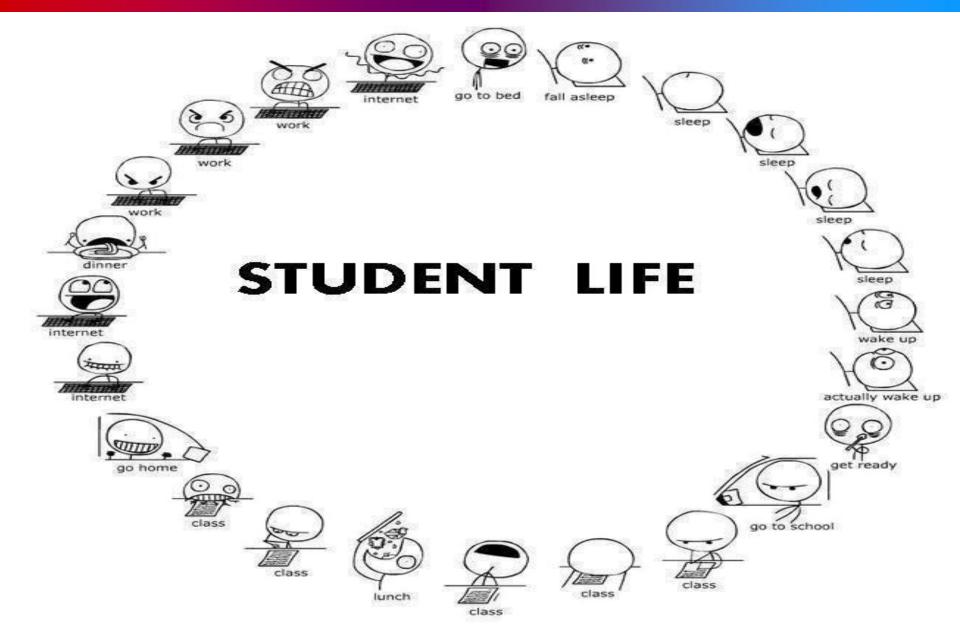
#### **Our Presentation**

- What is a 'Student Experience', exactly?
- Why is anyone interested in it?
- How does ERASMUS+ contribute toward it?
- Data from the sector: NUS & THE Analysis
- Examples
- Discussion
- Questions





# Just One Big PARTY!.....





#### What the Sector Says..... NUS



- The sector says that the Student Experience
  is important and is recognised as a metric
  by which Universities and all HEIs can be
  measured.
- To the consumers (students) it is the most important metric!
- NUS = National Union of Student first ever in-depth report on the Student Experience in November 2008
- An overview of students' experiences
   across the UK, looking at all areas of their
   lives, from the quality of their courses and
   accommodation, to their financial situations
   and experience of employment.
- The main theme of the report is university social life and meeting new people



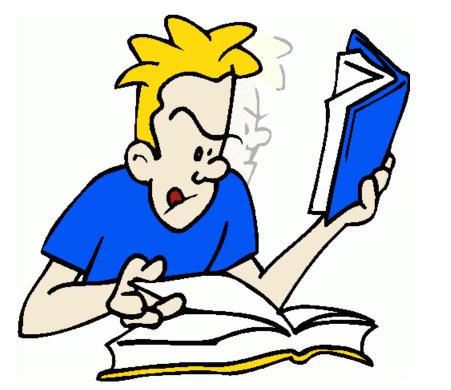
# .....The Times Higher Education

- The Times Higher Education paper provides reports /survey for each academic year across the sector
- "Good Social Life" & "Good Students' Union" are top priorities
- Each University across the UK provides data on SE to recruit students
- The learning experience and course content are also often raised and no significant differences between different institution types





# All work and no play makes...?

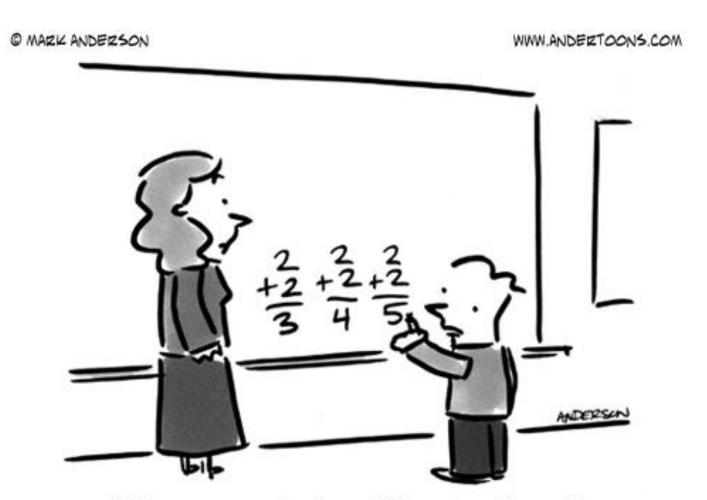


Or





#### ERASMUS+1=?



"I've prepared a few different options."



#### The Student Experience at Bucks

- Student Experience Committee
- Collaboration between the University and Bucks Students' Union
- Package of benefits under the Big Deal which include free
  recreation, sports and social for all our students as well as additional
  support for our eligible undergraduate students (including Erasmus)
- Regular 'Town Hall' SE meetings at Bucks
- All students are included: UK, EU, Erasmus, International



#### The 'metrology' of Student Experience





#### ERASMUS+2+2=a job!

- 'Max', an ERASMUS+ participant secures a job with well know Italian car manufacturer – secured thanks to Erasmus study mobility in Italy.
- Ben starting full time job as a crew member with British Airlines, key part of his interview was discussion about his Erasmus placement in Germany
- Internships incoming Erasmus students undertake in the UK lead to securing a permanent job





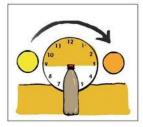
# Gestalt Theory proves 2 + 2 = 5



### Solar Disinfection of Drinking Water (SODIS)



















- •Questions?
- Comments?
  - •Anything?



# Thank you

