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UUM student council to get English tuition

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SINTOK: English teachers will be roped in by Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) to help members of the university's student council conduct their meetings in English.

UUM Vice-Chancellor Datuk Dr Nordin Kardi said the university wanted to help the council members become world-class student leaders.

"We will provide the best English language teachers for them," he said after giving membership certificates to 39 newly-elected and appointed student council members yesterday.

Stressing that the university was not trying to sideline Bahasa Malaysia, Dr Nordin said these steps were being taken to prepare the students for the global environment.

"If one day they are not able to get a job locally, they could migrate to other countries."

He also said UUM planned to give an allowance to the council's president and secretary-general from next semester.

He said UUM was also looking into waiving their hostel fees and providing meal allowance when they carry out their duties in campus during holidays.

Student council president Othman @ Osman Mohd Shafawi said he regarded the incentives as a gift to the council.