

Motion: The use of content warnings

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Council notes:

1. That recently there were multiple instances where University failed to provide content warnings in their communications.
2. That certain disciplines talk about difficult subjects without any pre-caution and safety net.
3. That some Schools use such content warnings to reduce the harm to students, and that content warnings are currently featured on some of the University website pages.
4. That University of Glasgow provides their staff with 'Content Advice Guidelines'.¹

Council believes:

1. That the introduction of content warnings would serve to self-guard students from reading and hearing about subjects that may cause harm to them.
2. That using content warnings is a good practice.

Council resolves:

1. To lobby university to provide content warnings on all subjects that may cause harm to students in lecture materials, reading lists, seminars and other forms of communication.
2. To provide list of available resources every time sensitive topics are discussed and content that requires warning is brought up.
3. To mandate AUSA to use such warnings when required in their communication.
4. To mandate AUSA to work with the University to implement content warnings in their communications, curricula and academic resources.

¹ <https://www.gla.ac.uk/myglasgow/senateoffice/policy/es/studentssupport/contentadvice/#>