

## **The council voices its support for a comprehensive No Detriment Policy to be implemented by the University**

**Proposer:** Alanna Buchan (Chair of Raising and Giving, Secretary of Students for a No Detriment Policy campaign)

**Seconded:** Beatrix Livesey-Stephens (Vice Chair for Welfare Committee, Staff Liaison Officer of Students for a No Detriment Policy campaign), Maria Kvarving (Ordinary Member of the Welfare Committee), Martin Le Brech (Ordinary Member of the Welfare Committee), Ivana Drdakova (Ordinary Member of the Welfare Committee), Anttoni James Numminen (Vice-chair of Communities Committee), Logan Machell (Ordinary Member of the Communities Committee), Alisa Koester (Vice Chair of the Environment and Ethics Committee), Tomás Pizarro-Escuti (Ordinary Member of the Environment and Ethics Committee), Robbie Uriarte (Foresterhill Representative of the Societies Union Committee), Connor McCausland (Ordinary Member of the Societies Union Committee), Piers Deseilligny (Ordinary Member of the Societies Union Committee), Davide Bonne (CASE Representative), Lilidh Jack (Convenor of the Trans Students' Forum), Sian Wallace (Disabled Students' Forum Representative), Annie Wilson (Convenor of the BAME Students' Forum), Sol Börjesson-Grotmaak (Convenor of the LGBTQ+ Students' Forum), Jana Hamdach (Chair of the Qatar Campus Committee), Aya Sameer (Academic Representative of the Qatar Campus Committee), Maya Murad (Business Management Programme Representative of the Qatar Campus Committee), Ahmed Kombar (Accountancy and Finance Programme Representative of the Qatar Campus Committee)

### **Council notes**

1. On 03/02/2021 The University Senate voted against implementing a No Detriment Policy (NDP) 40:56
2. Since that vote took place there has been outcry from across the student body on social media and local news
3. Students have provided testimony via social media, google form and AUSA survey on how their mental and physical health has been impacted by the Covid pandemic, the difficulties they have faced studying using online and blended learning, and how a NDP would have positively impacted them
4. Students' living, financial and social conditions have changed dramatically and are having a detrimental impact on students' abilities to study
5. Current final year honours students (4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> years) have now had three semesters affected by the Covid-19 pandemic; this will have had an effect on the grade outcomes that they are able to achieve
6. There have been over 2000 signatures (as of 13/02/2021) on a petition organised by AUSA for the Senate to reconsider its position on the NDP

### **Council believes**

1. That students should have the support of a NDP during their studies as it will provide mitigation against the detrimental impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on all aspects of students' lives.
2. That the current policies in place do not provide adequate support to students
3. That an NDP should bolster current policies in place across the University and provide fair and equal access to support for students across all schools and courses
4. That any NDP introduced should cover all three of the King's College, Foresterhill, and Qatar campuses

**Council resolves**

1. The council voices its support for a comprehensive No Detriment Policy to be implemented by the University
2. AUSA to continue to lobby the University to implement a comprehensive No Detriment Policy