Motion from the Student Council to the University on the Comprehensive Measures for Fair and Consistent Assessment in the Context of COVID-19

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Council Notes

- There currently do not exist any protections outside the mitigating circumstances for current PGTs, UGs who entered their honours year in this academic year, as well as no additional protection for anyone for the academic year 2020/21 in particular in context of the ongoing pandemic which has negatively impacted students in many ways.
- 2. During the council held on the 23rd of February 2021, councillors have voted in support of the "No-Detriment" emergency motion, voicing there is a need for further protections to all students.
- 3. The university senate has previously voted no on the original proposal.

Council Believes

- 1. Further mitigations are required to both ensure no students are detrimentally impacted as a result of the ongoing global pandemic, and to bring our students on the same level nationally.
- 2. Students are impacted in many ways, in many cases struggling to come forward.
- 3. Students in many cases must work harder to achieve the same grades as they would have previously. This creates a significant impact on their mental and physical well being long term and short term, and their study/personal life balance.
- 4. The mitigations need to be on both individual and collective levels, to provide protections for everyone, but give the opportunity to those impacted in much more severe ways to have an additional support in place.

Council Resolves

- 1. Mandate the elected student senators to support the Comprehensive Measures for Fair and Consistent Assessment in the Context of COVID-19 at the university senate.
- 2. AUSA to lobby the university to ensure no student is detrimentally impacted as a result of the ongoing pandemic.