

R21-03 Motion to lobby the UK Government to compensate fee-paying students affected by the pandemic

Owner: Dan Marshall

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It is noted that:

1. In the 2020/21 academic year, students have faced an incredible amount of disruption to their studies as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.
2. RUK and International students have continued to pay full tuition fees throughout the pandemic.
3. The Students' Association has worked with the University to mitigate the impacts on students as far as possible, through measures such as the provision of dual-mode learning, accommodation refunds, academic mitigation policies, and the Can Do initiative.
4. Delivering dual-mode learning has not been significantly cheaper to deliver for the University than traditional on-campus learning.
5. Many students feel that whilst staff have gone above and beyond this year, their overall student experience has not delivered value for money as a result of the pandemic.

It is believed that:

1. Fee-paying students do not deserve to be burdened with the usual costs of a University education given the impact the pandemic has had on their lives and student experience.
2. Fee-paying students deserve compensation from the UK Government.
3. Any compensation should include all fee-paying students, including international students.
4. Any effort to compensate students must not undermine the financial solvency of universities or lead to redundancies.
5. University staff have shown incredible dedication to students throughout the pandemic, and have in many cases gone far beyond the call of duty to support students and deliver the best possible educational experience.

It is resolved that:

1. The Students' Association should join and promote the UK-wide Students United Against Fees (SUAF) campaign [1] with other students' unions, to seek compensation for students from the UK Government.
2. The Association President be mandated to join the SUAF advisory group.

Proposer

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Seconder(s)

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References

[1] [About the Campaign \(Isesu.com\)](#)