

## DISCUSSION POINT

Student Council is often the most appropriate sounding board for an idea before a full proposal is written. A discussion point will allow the proposer to introduce a topic and gauge wider student opinion before taking further steps with an idea/issue.

### INFORMATION REQUIRED

Please ensure the following details are completed before submission

<b>Title of Discussion Point</b>	Support for students during the second lockdown
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<b>Date</b>	05/11/2020
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<b>Date</b>	05/11/2020
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### DISCUSSION POINT DETAILS

#### 1. This Council Notes

*State the facts surrounding the issue*

As of today, the UK has entered a second lockdown, however the University has made the decision to maintain its face-to-face teaching. Many students are likely to face disruption during this period with students either deciding to travel home for the lockdown and, hence, unavailable to attend face-to-face sessions; or alternatively, students may be staying in University or private accommodation and some may be alone or self-isolating, with little support available from others due to the national lockdown.

#### 2. This Council Believes

*State what you believe*

The Education Committee believe that students' education is likely to become a secondary concern in light of the national lockdown, and it is essential that students feel supported and not alone so that they may continue to focus on their studies. This period is likely to be even more intense than the partial restrictions that many students have experienced so far this academic year and students may not feel prepared to cope with the lockdown. We believe it is imperative the Students' Union are actively supporting students who have either moved home and are studying remotely, or who are staying in accommodation during the lockdown.

### **3. This Council Resolves**

*State what you believe should happen if Council agrees with the concept discussed*

We suggest the Students' Union should provide a platform or service whereby students can get in touch if they would like someone to talk to. It would be beneficial to work alongside the University to ensure those students staying in accommodation are able to access food and provisions. For those students who are studying completely remotely, the Students' Union should maximise its student voice structures to gather feedback and ensure those students' educational experience is of an equal quality to those who are attending face-to-face sessions and not negatively impacted by their decision to attend online.