Student Council Motion Proposal

# Your Policy Motion Title Goes Here: Standardisation of Blackboard

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| Policy Number: | 2018-19\_010 | Policy Date | 20/05/2019 |
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| Summary: |
| For the Vice President Education to work with the University in order to standardise Blackboard pages. |

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| Student Council Notes the Following Facts: |
| * The University currently uses Blackboard as its Virtual Learning Environment. (VLE)
* Students have raised their frustrations with the inconsistencies of its use across modules and courses via module evaluation reports, surveys, change week and through their course reps.
* The EU adopted the Web Accessibility Directive to foster better access to the websites and mobile applications underpinning public services – in particular by people with disabilities, and especially persons with vision or hearing impairments.
* The Web Accessibility Directive was transposed into UK law on the 23 September 2018 and has generated obligations for new websites from 2019, for pre-existing websites from 2020, and for all public sector apps from 2021.
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| Student Council Holds the Viewpoint That: |
| * The VLE should be setup in a way that is accessible and easy to find the relevant information.
* The VLE is an important part of the University experience and should be maintained to a high standard based on a common set of rules and principles.
* Pre-populated Blackboard templates that forces Course Leaders to upload and write certain text in a specific and standard structure would help this process.
* The University must act quickly in order to meet the requirements set out in the EU’s Web Accessibility Directive.
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| Student Council Resolves to Take the Following Action(s): |
| To mandate the VP Education to lobby the University for standardised Blackboard pages. |