



## Motion for Change

### EC21 – Support for Research Students

#### Submission:

*That the President of Education be mandated to provide More support for research students, particularly MSc by Research students, regarding the COVID-19 situation, and for the university to look at a partial tuition fee reduction for the loss of services that are advertised with a research degree.*

*As Amended by Council: Considering the circumstances surrounding COVID-19, the President of Education and Postgraduate & Mature Officer are mandated to work with the University to provide more support for research students, particularly MSc by Research students; and to lobby the University for potential remuneration of research students.*

*Currently, we have only been suggested to temporarily suspend studies, which is not financially feasible for many students. Many of the features advertised with a research degree are no longer available e.g. graduate centre, access to library and physical books, access to labs/specialist department equipment, training events/meetings/conferences. This makes it difficult for us to show research development and develop skills that could be used for career development. Whilst we can arrange with our supervisors the changes to our research e.g. data collection, we are still without many of the resources that the university offer. Many of us feel like we have been forgotten about and are paying a lot of tuition fees for a restricted experience.*