

## **1772 Recorded lectures and the use of technology** passed 29 October 15

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### Union Notes

1. That students consistently support recorded lectures or screencasts of part of lectures to enhance their learning, for instance through the National Student Survey
2. That current provision of lecture recordings and use of technology is patchy across different schools in the University
3. That currently, in many schools, if students miss a lecture due to sickness or other mitigating circumstances there is no way for them to see the contents of the lecture
4. That currently, there is no systematic way for students to review full lectures for revision or essays, unless individuals used recording software themselves
5. That when tried in some schools, a system of lecture recording has proved incredibly popular
6. That when tried elsewhere, a system of lecture recording has not had an adverse effect on lecture attendance, especially when it has been used in conjunction with other learning materials before and after the lecture or as a screencast to record key parts of the lecture
7. That the technology for lecture recordings already exists in a number of lecture theatres at the University, whilst training is available from the Learning Technology Team

### Union Believes:

1. That students should not be penalised for illness or mitigating circumstances
2. That students deserve an innovative and engaging learning and teaching experience, including through technology
3. That being able to review lectures for revision and essays would be a vital study tool
4. That lecture recordings would improve the learning for many students
5. That lecture recordings would be especially useful for distance learners, Erasmus students and students on joint degrees
6. That the University has a responsibility to provide training and support for University academic staff
7. That encouraging staff to trial new teaching methods such as lecture capture is the best approach moving forward in the short-term

### This Union Resolves:

1. To make a positive case in any University committee or appropriate forum for the use of lecture capture, either in full or as screencasts, as part of a more holistic learning experience
2. To campaign for more technological capacity for lectures to be recorded and available on Blackboard and more University training and resources to this end
3. To continue to highlight good practise with records to the use of lecture capture and technological teaching advances, as a way of encouraging academic staff to try similar methods
4. To encourage school reps to raise this issue on a school by school basis in SSLCs and other appropriate forums on the basis of student desire