

## **1744 Support when it is needed most**

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### Union Notes

1. When a student needs to they can intercalate and take time out of study.
2. When a student intercalates they have their loan taken away which can create more problems for the student.
3. Support from the university is often difficult to access and with long waiting times.

### Union Believes

1. That the definition of a student under a leave of absence needs to be reclassified.
2. That Student Finance need to reconsider their position on the status of these students.
3. That there needs to be greater provision of university welfare and wellbeing services to these students.
4. That the university has a responsibility to support students who are seeking academic and employability support.
5. University welfare staff should receive specialist training to deal with issues of all students.

### Union Resolves:

1. To lobby the university to make sufficient changes to make intercalation easy to understand from the start until the return to study.
2. To lobby Student Finance to cease withdrawing loans from students on leave of absence.
3. To lobby universities to increase support services for students on leave of absence.

4. To ensure that students are still able to access university services during period of absence

5. To ensure that students fully understand the process of intercalation and the support available.