

1838 Mummy's Ill- making life easier for those with illness in the family

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Union notes:

1. If you have a parent who is termly ill or has a long-term illness, you have added stress, which can harm your academic and social experience at university.
2. There is no list on the university's website that states exactly what evidence counts towards extenuating circumstances for students with significant adverse personal/family circumstances.
3. Having an ill parent can cause anxiety, sleep problems, depression as well as a range of other emotional, physical and mental health problems.
4. The delay in receiving counselling support from the Dean of Students means students with ill parents often face struggles with their academic work.

Union believes:

1. Students with unwell parents should not have their education put at risk because of bureaucracy.
2. Students with unwell parents deserve special consideration with regard to deadlines and extensions.

Union resolves:

1. To lobby the university to provide a clearer list into what constitutes as evidence for extenuating circumstances.
2. To mandate the Welfare, Community & Diversity Officer to develop support in the Advice Centre for those who need advice about what to do when it comes to issues related to parents being terminally ill or having a long-term illness.

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3. To lobby the university to enhance support towards students whose parents suffer from long term illness, including increased funding towards support services.