

9.2. R. 17 – A Motion to Oppose the Development of a PGT College without Full Consultation

THIS STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCILS NOTES:

1. The development of a cohort identity for the taught postgraduate student community is an identified learning and teaching priority for the University;
2. The University management remit for research postgraduates currently falls under St Leonard's College, led by the Provost, while the remit of taught postgraduates falls under the remit of the Proctor;
3. There currently is no college for taught postgraduates;
4. Discussions are currently being held about the possibility of creating a second postgraduate college exclusively for taught postgraduates; and
5. The Postgraduate Society represents and supports both taught and research postgraduate students.

THIS STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL BELIEVES:

1. Postgraduate students should be able to influence and determine the future of the postgraduate community at St Andrews; and
2. Student engagement, at all levels, is a foundational requirement for a thriving relationship between students and the University.

THIS STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL RESOLVES:

1. To oppose any attempt by the University to alter the structure of the postgraduate collegiate system without a full consultation in which all postgraduate students are able to participate actively.
2. To support the Postgraduate Society as the representative voice for all postgraduate students; and
3. To mandate the Postgraduate President, the Director of Representation, and the Postgraduate Vice President for Academic Relations to begin a dialogue with the University on determining the future for the postgraduate community, ensuring that the postgraduate community is fully consulted on the matter.
4. To endorse a referendum as a means to establish the student opinion where dispute remains after the consultation process.