

GENERAL REGULATION OF THE UNIVERSITY: FORCE MAJEURE

The Vice-Chancellor is authorised, in response to events either deemed to be Force Majeure or of such significant nature as to be detrimental to the normal running of the University, to suspend, on behalf of the Senate, the General Regulations for Students of the University, the General Regulations for First Degrees, the General Regulations for Higher Degrees and/or the Research Degree Regulations either in part or in full.

The Vice-Chancellor is also authorised, in response to said events, to suspend, in consultation with the relevant Dean of School and subject to any Professional, Regulatory or Statutory Body (PSRB) requirements, any school, department or programme-specific regulations either in part or in full.

Authorisation to suspend will only take effect once it becomes clear to the Vice-Chancellor that the application of the University's existing Mitigating Circumstances procedures will not be sufficient to redress the impact of said events upon students' progress. Authorisation to suspend will then be confirmed at the following Senate.

Authorisation to suspend is predicated on the expectation that the suspended regulations will be superseded by such interim modifications to programme delivery, assessment methodology and day-to-day academic management as are necessary, as well as the assumption that the underpinning principles of transparency, consistency, accountability and inclusivity are maintained in such modifications.

Suspension of the University's regulations as defined above will be for the term or remainder of the term for which the suspension is called. Resumption of the previously suspended regulations will be assumed unless a further decision to suspend is taken by the Senate.

Suspension and resumption of the University's regulations as defined above will be notified to staff and students by way of email, the University Update and Students Announce and reported to the Senate at the next scheduled meeting.