**COMMITTEE**: Union Council

**SUBJECT**: Attendance Monitoring

**APPROVAL DATE**: 23/04/2021

**PROPOSER**: Andrew Adegbola

**SHEFFIELD HALLAM STUDENTS UNION NOTES:**

1. Sheffield Hallam University have an attendance monitoring policy across all levels of study.

2. Sheffield Hallam University has recently introduced Learning Analytics for student engagement and attendance monitoring across all levels of study.

3. Sheffield Hallam University has recently introduced Lecture Capture (Panopto) to provide access to any missed lecture/ teaching and learning. Also, to provide support for all student who has valid reasons to be absent and to support international and disabled students.

4. The Union has been reassured that currently, any findings of the engagement and attendance monitoring will not lead to individual students facing disciplinary action.

5. Certain professional courses and placements already/ need to monitor student engagement and attendance.

**SHEFFIELD HALLAM STUDENTS UNION BELIEVES:**

1. This is a controversial topic among the student body with many feeling it is unnecessary and shows a lack of trust from the University.

2. Attendance Monitoring should not be used to retrospectively punish students who miss their studies.

3. Students should not be mandated to on camera during online (Zoom or Microsoft team) classes. Any student that does not want to on camera should not be marked or treated as been absent.

4. Learning analytics, Lecture capture (Panopto) and other forms of Monitoring should be used to offer support to students who may not be engaging with their studies due to either academic, wellbeing or internet issues.

**SHEFFIELD HALLAM STUDENTS UNION RESOLVES:**

1. To mandate both the President and College Officers to take forward any student concerns on this issue to the University.

2. That Full Time Officers should strongly oppose any future proposals from the University to incorporate attendance into disciplinary matters. (Except on professional courses and placements.)