



Motions Update

Good afternoon,

We had a meeting earlier this week with members of the Executive Committee to discuss issues and concerns that affect the university community and students. We spoke at length and agreed that we were all grappling with this pandemic and that it was more important than ever to communicate well and collaborate. For this, we will have 2 recurring meetings each week in order to continue the dialogue throughout this crisis which is very fluid. That being said, feel free to reach out to me if you have any matter you would like me to submit during those meetings. As a follow-up to the meeting, the Student Association would like to inform you of the conclusions that we have all reached together, with the aim of being fair and maintaining academic integrity:

Motion 1:

The deployment of an emergency fund from the student association, the university and other contributors will be set up for students in need due to COVID-19. Eligibility criteria will be posted on the university website.

However, several funding programs have already been announced by the provincial and federal governments : https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IOJn7XS6ETIkBLRodYk681M_2dxkkQsc/view

Motion 2:

All teaching assistants and student employees of BARSE and SIED have been paid and most of the other student employees have been able to complete their employment. For those who have hours left, these will be added in the next quarter, in addition to the maximum already allowed.

Motion 3:

Students are encouraged to return home. However, no student will be expelled from the residence. There is, however, no way planned now to finance their stay if it extends beyond April 30.

Motion 4:

To offer to each undergraduate student, after receiving their final alphanumeric mark, the possibility of choosing between this final mark and a final mark of Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (S/NS), for one or more several of his courses.

Since students have until April 4 to drop a course without penalty and have the option of requesting an S/NS once they have received the alphanumeric grade, this offers flexible choice for completing the trimester.

In addition, the university is committed to seeing with the deans the feasibility of encouraging professors to grant a longer time for the final exams.

Motion 5:

It's case by case. Refer to the academic advisor

Motion 6:

The remote counseling service is meeting the demand right now and we will be increasing the number of hours as needed.

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In summary, we believe that the measures we currently have in place are fair and flexible. They allow students to better control their academic path and offer them several options. In addition, which is very important, they respect those who wish to continue their learning according to the way the courses were designed and the expected learning results.

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