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## **Joint Press Release from Saint Paul University and Saint Paul University's Student Association**

OTTAWA, March 15 2012 – A recent text titled “St. Paul University’s Condom Ban Is Unacceptable”, posted on “mycause.com” has generated a lot of internal and media interest around the alleged banning of condoms at Saint Paul University.

We are happy to see how committed our University’s Student Association is and we also want to ensure that everyone is aware of what is and is not happening at the University.

Saint Paul University’s Administration and Student Association’s Executive Committee have therefore decided to issue a joint statement which will dispel certain misunderstandings around this issue.

Contrary to the title used in the article, the University has not banned condoms at the University. The Administration only asked the Student Association to cease the distribution of condoms from their office.

A while ago, the Administration and the Student Association decided to meet to discuss different subjects. On March 14<sup>th</sup>, facilitators, chosen by both parties, were invited to mediate this and future meetings.

The first meeting’s objective was to elaborate on a process which will mobilize the plurality of interests at Saint Paul University in the broad context of its mission and the inevitable challenges that arise on a daily basis.

We are looking forward to having these discussions in a context of mutual respect and dialogue. We are both confident we will find a way forward that will respect the diverse interests represented at Saint Paul University.

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