

Academic Accommodation Motion- Senate

Whereas nationally, average undergraduate tuition fees paid by full-time students this year is \$5,366 while full-time graduate students pay an average of \$5,600; and

Whereas international students often pay far more than domestic students for the same education; and

Whereas tuition fees grow faster than all other student costs, faster than public transit, food, and rent; and

Whereas students continue to take on mortgage-sized debts to afford post-secondary education, graduating with an average of \$37,000 in education-related debt; and

Whereas government funding for post-secondary education continues to decline and tuition fees are relied upon to make up the difference; and

Whereas we strive to build an accessible, high-quality, public system of post-secondary education in Canada; and

Whereas student mobilizing is an effective way to show broad support for our goals and campaigns, and

Whereas the Lakehead University Students' Union is organizing a day of action in Thunder Bay and Orillia along with other local students' unions and the Canadian Federation of Students; therefore

MOVED that the Senate provide academic accommodations for those students who wish to participate in local events as part of the National Day of Action on Wednesday, February 1, 2012, including:

- Encouraging all course instructors to refrain from penalizing students attendance or participation marks and setting academic deadlines for tests, assignments, or exams and
- Encouraging all course instructors to provide reasonable access to materials covered on February 1, 2012, and
- Encouraging all course instructors to provide opportunities to students to make up missed labs or practicum placements that take place on February 1, 2012,
AND
- That the Senate endorse the Education is a Right Campaign.