

Name: Senate Policy on the Academic Implications of Disruptions of University Business

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1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1** For the purpose of this policy, a *Disruption* occurs when academic activities are substantially interrupted or impeded as a result of strikes, lockouts, demonstrations, natural disasters, or other like causes. A Disruption may result in the closure of the University or may be limited to interruptions of some academic activities.
- 1.2** The term "academic activity" includes any work subject to evaluation or necessary for a student to meet the requirements of a course or programme of

- 1.6.3 The impact on the attendance of students, instructors, and other necessary participants;
- 1.6.4 The impact of timing and sequence of evaluations such as examinations, practica, assignments and presentations etc.

2. POLICY

The governing principles of this policy are: *Academic Integrity*, *Fairness to Students*, and *Timely Information*.

2.1 Academic Integrity

In the event of a Disruption, the primary obligation of Senate is to ensure the academic integrity of all programmes. There should be as little diminution as possible in the standards normally expected of students or in the instructional and supervisory support given to students.

2.2 Fairness to Students

2.2.1 Students who do not participate in academic activities because:

- a) they are *unable* to do so owing to a Disruption, or
- b) they *choose not* to participate in academic activities owing to a strike or lock-out on campus

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