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Dear Dean Roy,

At the History Department's last faculty council meeting held last Friday October 24, in response to the Department's CUFA representative's report, the Department unanimously passed the following resolution:

The Department of History moves to urge the Dean of Arts and Science to reconsider the decision to place a twelve-person minimum enrolment threshold for seminars. This, in our experience, has been needlessly disruptive for student course selection, forcing students into already over-subscribed courses; it limits students' choices in courses; it threatens negatively to impact the reputation of Concordia's graduate programs; and it fails to consider the overall workload of faculty members. We ask the Dean to lower the threshold to eight students.

We understand that the university is operating in tight fiscal times, but we also appreciate that Concordia's mission is to navigate through this period without compromising its core academic mission. We believe our proposal effectively allows for the preservation of educational integrity within a context of necessary fiscal restraint.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,



Nora Jaffary,
Chair, History Department

cc: Genevieve Robichaud, CUFA legal and professional officer