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CUFA Motion on tuition hikes proposed by Quebec government

Preamble

As members of the Concordia University Faculty Association (CUFA), we have come to Concordia from many different provinces throughout Canada and many different countries throughout the world. Many of us travelled to other cities and countries to complete our studies. Our own lives were enriched, but we also made important contributions to the economic, cultural, and intellectual fabric of the places where we lived, studied, and worked.

CUFA, therefore, deplors the provincial government's recent announcement of a policy to dramatically increase tuition for some groups of out-of-province and international students at anglophone universities in Quebec. The proposed policy is inequitable, off-target, and likely to heighten the challenges faced by all Quebec universities in recruiting students. Out-of-province students in Quebec already pay, on average, more tuition than university students in other provinces. The announced policy would almost double the average tuition of most out-of-province students to attend anglophone universities in Quebec. It would create an impression both nationally and internationally of Quebec universities as less welcoming and is bound to have detrimental long-term effects not only on student and faculty recruitment at universities, but also on economic development in the metropolis of Montreal and the province of Quebec.

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We urge the provincial government to join with the administrations of Concordia, McGill, and Bishop's to support the proposal presented to Premier Legault to protect and promote the French language at anglophone universities. CUFA will work in solidarity with the other stakeholders of Concordia to promote the success of the joint proposal from Concordia, McGill, and Bishop's, and to support equitable tuition frameworks for all university students in Quebec.