

Policy Manual

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Issues Policy 14 (IS-14): Student Support Services

Adopted by: Board of Directors

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Summary:

Growing financial and economic pressures on post-secondary students only exacerbate the need for high quality student support services. Ranging from physical and mental health services to serving the specific needs of diverse equity groups, the service requirements of today's students cannot be met by small, individual, disconnected groups. Post-secondary institutions have both an obligation and an incentive to organize well supported and well planned services. Only through the provision of accessible services will institutions be able to fulfil their goal of seeing students succeed in their studies from registration to graduation to employment.

Policy:

- I. The Union supports the provision of services including:
 - a. Athletic facilities;
 - b. Financial aid and assistance;
 - c. Career education and advising services;
 - d. Physical and mental health services;
 - e. On-campus childcare;
 - f. Counselling and personal advising services;
 - g. Religious or faith services;
 - h. Legal, employment, and tenant's rights counselling;
 - i. Services for Aboriginal, International, LGBTQ, and other marginalized students;
 - j. Services for students living with disabilities;
 - k. Sexual assault support services;
 - l. Services to support graduate students in their academic writing and professional development;
 - m. Services with regular hours of operation that are accessible to all students;
 - n. The adequate provision of funding by government for student support services;
- II. The Union opposes:

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- a. The use of non-democratically approved ancillary or other institutional fees to fund the provision of student support services.