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From the office of the...
Vice President Education

TO: SRA Members and Committee Chairs
FROM: Siobhan Teel
SUBJECT: Fall Advocacy Policies
DATE: July 8, 2021

To SRA members,

This memo is to inform you that the Advocacy Policies selected for the fall semester are Academic Success, Student Housing and Near Campus Neighborhoods, and International Students.

All three policy topics have been heavily influenced by the COVID-19 pandemic and the Education Department recognizes this opportunity to evaluate how members of the McMaster community have been impacted. Although Academic Success was renewed last year, the goal is to examine how technology has both benefitted and hindered post-secondary education in hopes that resources can be improved and implemented in the future.

Student Housing and Near Campus Neighborhoods is another area where the student experience has been drastically altered considering the number of McMaster undergraduates who have not live on or around campus. Furthermore, the Education Department recognizes the lack of data and information the MSU and McMaster have access to which creates hurdles in our advocacy work.

Lastly, the distinct experiences of International Students in the past 18 months has demonstrated the need for further advocacy and clear research surrounding the barriers to accessing resources at McMaster. With tuition hikes and the provincial government working against students, it's critical to renew this policy.

If you have any questions or would like to talk more about any of these policies, please feel free to reach out.

Best regards,

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