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272nd MEETING OF THE SENATE

JANUARY 19th 2020

DAWSON COLLEGE

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Student Representatives Report

Student representatives present:

Kevin Contant-Holowatyj (Chairperson)

Alexandrah Cardona (Deputy Chairperson)

Leana Ramirez (Director of Internal Affairs & Advocacy)

The interim **Academic Dean** Carmella Gumelli reminds the senate that the college can accommodate only essential services on campus until at least February 8th 2021. The Dean clarifies that teachers may only require cameras to be activated during evaluations or other activities essential to the attainment of the course competencies.

The **Dean of Science, Engineering and Medical Studies** Leanne Bennett outlines the difficulties faced by nursing and medical studies students at Dawson and across the province. Students and faculty are particularly concerned about the number of course hours potentially interfering with work placements, internships or other types of employment in the medical field. The government and public health sector continue to increase demand for nursing and other medical studies students which poses a dilemma for students and faculty alike.

The **Dean of Creative and Applied Arts** Andrea Cole invites students and faculty to look forward to the upcoming artist-in-residence at the Warren G. Flowers Art Gallery

The **Dean of Academic Systems** Carmella Gumelli states that the advising department is operating solely online for winter 2021 course registration via the academic advising virtual chat.



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The **Dean of Continuing Education** Maeve Muldowney announces that the provincial government has provided additional funding to the college which will allow for Continuing Education teachers to be paid to provide supplemental pedagogy (i.e office hours) for students.

The **Director of Student Services** Monique Magnan announces that the counselling department has hired a new full-time counsellor and part-time social worker amid high demand for counselling services among students.

The 2021-2022 Academic Calendar was discussed and voted for by members of the senate. **Student representatives** voted in-favor of both Fall and Winter reading breaks as well as an extra studying day between last day of classes and exams for Fall 2021.

The Code of Conduct Policy Revision committee (a subcommittee of the senate) have yet to begin their work but are expected to submit revisions to the senate at the February 16th 2021 meeting. **Chairperson** Kevin Contant-Holowatyj sits on the revision committee.

Chairperson Kevin Contant-Holowatyj presented a motion to the senate to begin a revision of the Institutional Student Evaluation Policy (ISEP), in particular to review the section on grade reviews and academic grievances. The motion passed.