



## JOINT CASAQ CLIMATE PLAN AND POLICY

As adopted on September 20, 2020.

### PREAMBLE

WHEREAS the Student Union of John Abbott College, the Marianopolis Student Union, the Dawson Student Union, the Vanier College Students' Association and the Champlain Student Association will be henceforth referred to as a collective by the name of the Coalition of Anglophone Student Associations of Quebec (C.A.S.A.Q.).

WHEREAS C.A.S.A.Q. recognizes the current climate situation as a climate crisis.

WHEREAS C.A.S.A.Q. recognizes that a sustainable future should not discriminate against any individual based on race, sex, gender, social status or beliefs and recognizes Indigenous Rights and Territorial Heritage.

WHEREAS each student union will recognize the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (see Annex 1), as established by the United Nations as essential to a functioning society and the betterment of the world community and environment.

### ARTICLE I - OBJECTIVES

This section will outline the objectives of this climate plan so that every guideline, commitment and action taken by the individual student unions are in accordance with the following intentions:

1. To ensure that the member student unions of C.A.S.A.Q. are performing tangible actions to sensitize their student body about the climate crisis.
2. To ensure that the member student unions of C.A.S.A.Q. are performing tangible actions to make an impact on the environment and climate crisis within their ability.

3. To ensure that the member student unions of C.A.S.A.Q. are actively recognizing the value of the surrounding environment and the impact it has on the day to day life of the student body they represent.

## **ARTICLE II - GUIDELINES AND COMMITMENTS**

This section will outline the commitments and guidelines of each student union to fulfill within their means as agreed upon by C.A.S.A.Q. Each student union will try to commit in their capacity to the following as a member of C.A.S.A.Q.:

1. Putting pressure on the individual school administrations and those responsible to phase out plastic water bottles as soon as possible (effective May 2021).
2. Partnering with or starting a local community garden.
3. Making an organic waste collection service available on campus.
4. Organizing or participating in a minimum of one environmentally friendly initiative with tangible results per academic school year. Examples include but are not limited to, tree planting, plastic bottle collection, community clean-up and a clothes swap.
5. Organizing or participating in a minimum of one environmentally friendly initiative with the purpose of sensitization and the education of the student body about topics concerning the climate crisis and/or action to be taken.
6. Incorporating the role of a designated advocate for sustainability into their constitution as a member who acts as a voice of sustainability when making any decision. They will ensure that the student union is acting in the best interest of the environment and in accordance with this climate plan and any green policy that the student union has incorporated.
7. Incorporating a green policy that outlines sustainable actions to be taken by each student union.

## **ARTICLE III - DURATION OF THE COMMITMENT**

This section outlines the duration for which each of the individual student unions must adhere to the guidelines, commitments, objectives and recognitions as previously stated.

The Joint C.A.S.A.Q. Climate Plan as adopted on September 20, 2020, will cease to have effect at the end of the academic year 2020-2021.

By signing this document, each student union agrees and commits to following and continuously working towards the goals as previously outlined in this document in articles I and II.



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ANNEX 1:

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