



Communication from the Executive Committee of Senate June 20, 2018

Members of Unit 2 of CUPE 3903 returned to work on June 18, 2018 while members of other units remain on strike. In light of this development, the Executive Committee of Senate held a special meeting on June 19 to revisit options for the completion of courses and finalization of grades that have evolved since the strike began on March 5.

The Committee took account of an Institutional Remediation Guideline for Course Directors (which was issued prior to the meeting given the pressing need to provide timely, crucial information in the wake of voluminous inquiries following the ratification vote) and sessional dates in June, July and August prepared by the Office of the University Registrar. The Committee is satisfied that the Institutional Remediation Guideline for Course Directors is consistent with the overall remediation framework. Sessional dates fulfill the previously stated expectation that there would be a defined remediation period with sufficient time available to make up course meetings and examinations to complete Y 2017-2018 and W 2018. Classes will begin July 23 and examinations will end August 31. Some courses may be offered in a revived S2 term.

In addition to endorsing the July 23-August 31 remediation period, the Committee also made these relevant decisions:

- Students are not required to submit course work prior to July 23 but may do so in consultation with instructors.
- Deferred standing will be available to students who are unable to attend the remediated term and/or final examination period in July and August without the need for approval by course directors or petitions committees. An online form to opt for deferred standing in suspended courses will be available on the Registrar's Office website by the end of June. The deadline for submission of the form is August 31, 2018. For these students the due date for the submission of remaining assignments and completion of tests / examinations is December 21, 2018.
- Students with deferred standing in courses suspended by the labour disruption will remain eligible to proceed in their programs for the Y 2018-2019 academic year. Their program status will not change for that academic year following the release of Y 2017-2018 and W 2018 grades. Normal academic progression decisions will apply for the following academic year, Y 2019-2020 based on their sessional and cumulative GPAs at the end of Y 2018-2019.¹
- The last day to request reappraisals of graded work for Y 2017-2018 and W 2018 courses is October 13, 2018. Students with deferred standing in Y and W term courses who complete work after this date will be able to request reappraisals until February 15, 2019.

¹ These decisions include eligible to proceed in an Honours program; eligible to proceed in a Bachelors (90-credit) program; eligible to proceed on academic warning; required to withdraw; debarred.

For a variety of reasons, some instructors who are not on strike may be unavailable to complete courses or finalize grades. This will necessitate alternative arrangements for instruction and grading which will be implemented by Faculties and programs. At the request of Senate Executive, a record of exceptional cases will be provided to the Committee.

The Committee earlier agreed that, while course evaluations may proceed for Summer terms, Core Institutional Questions will not be released, results will not be provided to administrators, and results will be provided to instructors for use at their own discretion.

The Executive also confirms the following:

- the *Senate Policy on the Academic Implications of Disruptions or Cessations of University Business Due to Labour Disputes or Other Causes* remains in effect so long as the strike continues; the principles of the Policy must be respected, and they include important protections for students
- options made available by the Executive Committee and by Senate are valid for Y 2017-2018 and W 2018 courses only; they do not apply to courses offered in the Summer terms
- by a resolution passed in April, Senate asks that instructors exercise maximum flexibility to complete courses and provide students with options that balance fairness to students and academic integrity.

The special nature of graduate studies means that the Faculty of Graduate Studies will continue to have an aligned but modified remediation framework.

Members of the community are urged to familiarize themselves with guidelines for remediation together with revised instructional and examination dates on the University's disruption-related Websites. Senate Executive continues to monitor the disruption and will announce any further updates as soon as they are finalized.

LESLEY BEAGRIE, Chair of Senate, June 20, 2018

Options for the Completion of Courses and Finalization of Grades (Y 2017-2018 and W 2018 courses only)

<http://secretariat.info.yorku.ca/files/April-12-Completion-of-Courses-Updated.Final-.pdf>

Disruptions Policy

<http://secretariat-policies.info.yorku.ca/policies/academic-implications-of-disruptions-or-cessations-of-university-business-due-to-labour-disputes-or-other-causes-senate-policy-on-the>

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<http://secretariat-policies.info.yorku.ca/policies/reglement-du-senat-concernant-les-consequences-sur-les-etudes-des-perturbations-ou-interruptions-des-activites-de-luniversite-par-des-conflits-de-travail-ou-par-dautres-causes/>