

## **Extending Reasonable Academic Accommodations to Students for the March 11, 2015 Day of Action**

That Senate declare March 11, 2015 a day of academic accommodation; and

That all course directors be asked through the Deans/Principal to: avoid scheduling exams, tests, presentations or other work on that day and to establish reasonable extensions of deadlines for other graded work due that date and to provide reasonable academic accommodations to students who choose to attend the March 11, 2015 Day of Action, including reasonable alternative access to materials covered during their absence.

### **Rationale**

Over 10,000 York students have signed petitions to stop tuition fee hikes and improve access and quality of post-secondary education. On March 11, 2015 York Students will be taking action to call on York University and the Ontario government to freeze tuition fees.

Students in Ontario pay the highest tuition fees in the country; yet face the largest class sizes, the worst student-teacher ratio, and the worst per-student funding structure in the country. Ontario students are paying more and getting less than their peers in other provinces.

In light of these issues, on March 11 York students will rally to call on York University administration to do their part in working to make education more affordable and demand that the Ontario government invest more in higher education to reduce costs and increase quality.

In 2008, 2009 and 2012, the Senate passed motions for reasonable academic accommodations to allow students to attend days of action. By providing similar accommodations this year, Senate will again assist the participation of students in these important mobilizations.