

**WINTER SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
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POLICY RESOLUTION CHANGE PROPOSALS

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1. Be it resolved that the Association enact the following policy resolution:

Freedom of Speech

The Association would like to reaffirm its commitment to freedom of speech as a method to protect all voices, especially those who choose to dissent, be it to government, industry, society, or otherwise.

However, the Association strives to operate in an anti-oppressive framework. Any speech, action or expression that is racist, xenophobic, sexist, queerphobic, transphobic, or contributes to the further marginalization or oppression of any students in any way is unacceptable and will be opposed by the Association.

Rationale Provided:

- No policy in place as of yet
- Important policy given political context of policy directives by the provincial government

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2. Be it resolved that the Association enact the following policy resolution:

Gender Neutral Washrooms

The Association is proud to be located on a campus that offers gender neutral washrooms to students. The Student Centre (opened in 2017) contains solely Gender-neutral washrooms with single stalls - an initiative voted on by the Association and its members. The Association believes that gender neutral washrooms are an important step towards a gender inclusive campus climate. The Association stands proudly by the stalled washrooms in the Student Centre and calls on Trent University Administration to design all new buildings on campus with only gender-neutral washrooms.

Rationale Provided:

- No policy in place as of yet
- In line with mandate and advocacy toward anti-oppression

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3. Be it resolved that the Association enact the following policy resolution:

Student Rights

The TCSA endorses and will work to enact the following Declaration of Student Rights: We declare that a full policy of non-discrimination against students must be enforced at all educational institutions within Canadian society. Further, every person has the right to equal treatment without being discriminated against because of race, national or ethnic origin, religion, sex, gender orientation, ability, family status, sexual orientation, political belief or socio-economic background.

The following are the rights of all students in Canada:

- i. The right to an education
- ii. The right to an accessible, high quality education, free of tuition and incidental fees.
- iii. The right to financial grants for all students, the amount of which is to be determined solely on individual need, not family income.
- iv. The right of part-time students to financial grants on the same basis as all other students.
- v. The right to financial grants that are completely portable.
- vi. The right to financial grants for those receiving disability pensions regardless of the program in which they are enrolled.
- vii. The right to grants which cover incurred extra costs of students with disabilities, associated with their disability and their program of study.
- viii. The right of all students accepted for study in Canada regardless of citizenship, to receive an education in Canada without being subject to differential fees.
- ix. The right to an educational environment free of sexual harassment.
- x. The right of disabled students to equitable access to all institution buildings.
- xi. The right of students to an education in their native or official language.
- xii. The right of students once having entered a program to complete their program on the same terms that existed at the time of their admission to that program.
- xiii. The right to employment at a fair and equitable wage.
- xiv. The right to equal pay for work of equal value.
- xv. The right to education leave with job security, for any type of education.
- xvi. The right of all students to organize and participate in democratic, autonomous student organizations which represent students on their respective campuses.

- xvii. The right of all students to adequate representation by their student organizations.
- xviii. The right of the institution's student organizations to have access to their membership lists, including names, addresses and phone numbers.
- xix. The right of student organizations to incorporate independently of the institution's administration.
- xx. The right of student organizations to have access to all technical services, such as printing services, audio-visual services, and computer services, which are available at the institution.
- xxi. The right of student organizations to have sufficient on-campus office space without charge.
- xxii. The right of all students and student organizations to participate in political actions such as boycotts, walkouts, demonstrations or strikes without fear of recrimination.
- xxiii. The right of student organizations to publicize their activities in reasonable places.
- xxiv. The right to medical services.
- xxv. The right of the individual to have access to any and all personal documentation held by an organization and the right of the individual to withhold release of any such documentation.
- xxvi. The right of copyright to all original work produced by the student.
- xxvii. The right to participate in the formulation of objective course and instructor evaluations.
- xxviii. The right of students to be informed of the evaluation procedures and criteria at the commencement of the course. These procedures and criteria, once established and agreed to by students, shall not be altered without the consent of both parties.
- xxix. The right to a legitimate appeals procedure in all cases of penalization.
- xxx. The right to student parity on all decision-making bodies affecting the lives of students.
- xxxi. The right to redress all grievances.
- xxxii. The right to a safe and healthy environment in which to pursue studies and in which to go to and from studying.
- xxxiii. The right to transfer credits of equal status from one post-secondary institution to another.
- xxxiv. The right of students to an established grievance procedure to deal with cases of sexual harassment and other human rights concerns.
- xxxv. The right of cultural and linguistic minority student groups to special programs, clubs and organizations.
- xxxvi. The right to accessible, subsidized, quality childcare facilities.
- xxxvii. The right to quality health services.
- xxxviii. The right of the individual to control over their body.

- xxxix. The right to accessible public transportation provided at an affordable cost.
 - xl. The right to affordable housing.
 - xli. The right to take part in the formation of, and have control in the management of, student services to accommodate the needs of students.
 - xlii. The right of students to religious freedom.
 - xliii. The right of students to classes and programming that do not conflict with religious obligations.
 - xliv. The right to organize and participate in mass demonstrations without harm, prejudice or intimidation.

Rationale Provided:

- Ensures we are able to reflect on students' rights to support our initiatives
- Can reference the policy to advocate toward student issues

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4. Be it resolved that following policy be enacted by the Association:

Board of Governors Composition

Many Universities appoint student leaders to the Board of Governors/Regents which ensures that elected and engaged student leaders are involved in the highest level of decision making at these institutions. This is not the case at Trent. These seats are elected from student body at large, irrespective of Trent's three student unions.

Currently, Durham students and Graduate students must compete against Peterborough Undergraduates for two available seats on the Board of Governors. The Association supports increasing the current number of student Board of Governor seats to 3 to ensure that Durham Students, Peterborough undergraduates, and graduate students each get to elect a representative to the Board of Governors. Including appointments for student representatives from each student demographic at Trent enhances representation within the Board of Governors.

The Association also calls upon Trent University's Board of Governors to create a seat for representation from the Curve Lake First Nation community to ensure that all decisions are made respect to the contexts of colonialism and reconciliation.

Rationale Provided:

- Draws attention to a governance issue at Trent
- Calls for the university to enhance student representation on Board of Governors
- Advocates for a change that would bring Trent's governance in line with a majority of post-secondary institutions

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5. Be it resolved that the Association renew the following policy, and amend it as follows:

Campus Safety

The Association believes that a safe campus environment is of the utmost importance and encourages and supports organizations, equipment and other devices that improve the safety of Trent University for everyone. The Association specifically supports the following as necessary measures to ensure campus safety:

- i. Access to safety phones throughout the Symons and Downtown campuses, especially around Gzowski College and in parking lots;
- ii. The presence of an adequate number of working external lights to provide light at night in entrance ways, walkways and other areas of the campus on both the Symons and Downtown campuses. Prompt repair of any damaged or burnt out lights is essential;
- iii. The maintenance and clearance of all walkways, access routes, elevators, bridges, washrooms, and wheelchair entrances/pathways to Trent University buildings;
- iv. In conjunction with Trent Walkhome, an annual safety audit of both the Symons and Downtown campuses to be reviewed by Trent University Security Services;
- v. Current clubs, groups and student organizations such as Trent University's Emergency First Response Team and The Trent University Walkhome program that encourage and promote campus safety;
- vi. Current clubs, groups and student organizations that encourage, promote and campaign for Human rights;
- ~~vii. On a weekly basis, that Security Services, in cooperation with Arthur and Trent University Communications Department, make available all campus security calls; these reports should be produced in a format that is accessible for individuals with visual disabilities;~~
- viii. increased presence of security personnel, particularly on weekends.
- ix. The denouncement of racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, ableism, and other forms of oppression towards socially marginalized groups.

Rationale Provided:

- Resolution needs to be renewed and updated to reflect practices

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6. Be it resolved that the Association renew the following policy:

Class Size, ~~Course Offering & Teaching Complement~~ and Faculty Support

The Association calls upon the Board of Governors and administration of Trent University to protect small group learning ~~and increase the breadth of course offerings by increasing the number of tenure-stream teachers at Trent.~~ by increasing the number of teaching-only faculty at Trent via tenure-track or multi-year contract work. Faculty should have mandatory training concerning anti-oppression and pedagogy included in their collective agreements to ensure they have the support to maintain a positive classroom environment.

Rationale Provided:

- Resolution needs to be renewed
- The amendment implements up-to-date language on the matter

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7. Be it resolved that the Association renew the following policy:

Corporatization of Education

The Association is opposed to agreements of any kind between Trent University and corporations that do not meet with the Association's Contractual Agreements Operating Resolution.

The Association is opposed to exclusive agreements, which allow any external body influence over or income from members of the Trent Community and which prevents access to competitors.

The Association is opposed to the representation of external vested interests on Trent University's Board of Governors.

The Association is opposed to agreements of any kind between Trent University and Corporations that have any influence on academic curriculum, programming or research, ~~except where there is a direct benefit to students.~~ unless the agreement with benefit all students (i.e. cost saving, experiential learning, etc.).

Rationale Provided:

- Clarifies the context of the resolution and renews it

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8. Be it resolved that the Association renew the following policy:

Counseling Services at Trent University

The Association encourages Trent University to hire enough adequately trained counselors to ensure that every student has access to quality counseling programs within a week of requesting them, with no restrictions on the number of visits permitted.

Additionally, the association encourages Trent University to implement culturally conscious mental health services for domestic and international students from diverse cultural backgrounds.

Rationale Provided:

- Resolution needs to be renewed
- Considers barriers that western counselling models impose

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9. Be it resolved that the Association renew the following policy:

Discriminatory Funding Programs

The Association denounces and opposes discriminatory funding programs such as the Ontario Work-Study Program and Ontario Student Opportunity Trust Fund insofar as they:

- i. Collect their revenue from the tuition fees, ancillary fees, and levy fees of all students but discriminatingly permit only certain students to be employed or funded with the collected funds;
- ii. Are used to impede or to justify impeding the re-implementation of a nationally or provincially-based needs-based grants program;
- iii. Disadvantage low-income students by forcing them to hold employment in exchange for their financial assistance;
- iv. Require institutions and organizations to participate in discriminatory practices in order to collect funding for employment programs.

Rationale Provided:

- Resolution needs to be renewed

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10. Be it resolved that the Association renew the following policy:

Discrimination, Harassment and Oppression

In the conduct of its business and the development of its policies, the Association shall endeavor to create and maintain an environment of mutual respect which recognizes the dignity and worth of every person and permits the fullest possible participation of all students in the life of the university and their communities.

The Association prohibits and will work to counter discrimination on the grounds of race, ancestry, place of origin, color, ethnic origin, citizenship, language, creed, clerical or lay status, sex or gender, pregnancy or health status, sexual orientation, gender identity, age (except as required by statute), marital status, family status (parent/child relationship), number of dependents, disability, political or religious affiliation or belief, membership in legal associations, place of residence, or any other related grounds to ameliorate the status of a specific group and all harassment.

The Association actively encourages and will endeavor to assist all clubs, groups and levied organizations to develop anti-oppression policies and undergo anti-oppression training.

Rationale Provided:

- Resolution needs to be renewed

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11. Be it resolved that the Association renew the following policy:

Divestment from Fossil Fuel Companies

Preamble

The Association recognizes that climate change is a serious threat to current and future generations here at Trent University and around the world. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Fourth Assessment Report found that global warming is already causing costly disruption of human and natural systems throughout the world including the melting of Arctic ice, the ocean's rise in acidity, flooding, and drought. Almost every government in the world has agreed through the 2009 Copenhagen Accord that any warming above a 2°C (3.6°F) rise would be unsafe, and that humans can only burn about 565 more gigatons of carbon dioxide without exceeding this limit.

For the purposes of this policy, a "fossil fuel company" shall be defined as any of the two hundred publicly-traded companies with the largest coal, oil, and gas reserves, as

measured by the gigatons of carbon dioxide that would be emitted if those reserves were extracted and burned, as listed in the report Unburnable Carbon.

The Unburnable Carbon report, published by the Carbon Tracker Initiative, found that fossil fuel companies possess proven fossil fuel reserves that would release approximately 2,795 gigatons of CO₂ if they are burned, which is five times the amount that can be released without exceeding 2°C of warming. This math demonstrates that fossil fuel companies are putting the planet at risk of catastrophic global warming and climate change, while profiting from the destruction.

These facts also demonstrate a major financial risk associated with investments in fossil fuels. If governments take action to honour their emissions reduction targets, 80% of fossil fuel reserves will need to stay in the ground, rendering the majority of the industry's assets obsolete. This puts Trent University's pension and endowment funds at risk from an enormous carbon bubble. The Association asserts that the financially prudent move is to manage that risk proactively by removing funds from fossil fuel company assets.

The companies in the Unburnable Carbon report such as Shell, Exxon, and Peabody Energy also have a poor track with respect to human rights. These companies are often found guilty of violating treaties with Indigenous peoples, not taking full responsibility for oil spills and other environmental disasters and causing serious health problems among people living in close proximity of their extractive operations.

One of the objectives in Trent University's Mission Statement is to "foster sustainability, in its environmental, social, and economic dimensions, on our campuses and in all aspects of our work." Given the fact that the fossil fuel industry is currently on a path that is environmentally, socially and economically unsustainable, the Association asserts that investments in fossil fuel companies are therefore incompatible with this Mission Statement. Students of Trent University believe that investments should support a future where all citizens can live healthy, dignified lives without the negative impacts of a warming climate and human rights violations.

Policy

The Association urges the Trent University President and Board of Governors to:

- 1) Immediately cease any new investments in fossil fuel companies or in commingled assets that include holdings in fossil fuel companies.
- 2) Contact the fund managers and request that the fossil fuel companies be removed from the funds.
- 3) Ensure that none of their directly held or commingled assets include holdings in fossil fuel public equities and corporate bonds within 5 years as determined by the Carbon Tracker list.

- 4) Prepare a report and options for investing the endowment in a way that further maximizes the positive impact of the fund by seeking out investments in opportunities to limit the effects of burning fossil fuels or help to mitigate its effects including, but not limited to, clean technology, renewable energy, sustainable companies or projects, and sustainable communities.
- 5) Release quarterly updates, available to the public, detailing progress made towards full divestment.

Rationale Provided:

- Resolution needs to be renewed to be included in our policy book.

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12. Be it resolved that the Association renew the following policy:

Educational Expenses

The Association recommends that students be allowed to claim up to \$5000 in required class materials (books, equipment, etc.) on their income tax returns in any given year.

Rationale Provided:

- Resolution needs to be renewed to be included in our policy book.

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13. Be it resolved that the Association renew the following policy:

Ethical Purchasing

Preamble

Human Rights are linked to issues of environment, social and economic justice. Purchasing practices are directly linked to issues of social and economic justice through the workers implicated in production processes of goods purchased.

As a union, the Association stands in solidarity with the struggles of workers in Canada and around the world who are demanding dignified and fair working conditions.

The purchasing practices of the Association and the purchasing practices of Trent University must uphold human rights and take a stand against exploitation and injustice through ethical and sustainable purchasing practices.

Policy

The Association supports the purchase of goods and products that have been produced under fair working conditions, such as those that have been recommended by the Workers' Rights Consortium or certified Fair Trade by Fair-trade Labelling Organizations International (FLO).

The Association supports the adoption of procurement policies by Trent University that preference the purchase of goods, products or services which have been produced under fair and dignified conditions.

The Association supports the No Sweat and Fair Trade Certified procurement policies adopted by Trent University and will work to deepen and strengthen such policies.

The Association does not support the purchase goods or products that have been produced in unfair or "sweatshop" conditions where human rights have been undermined for the sake of increased private profit by private interests.

Rationale Provided:

- Resolution needs to be renewed to be included in our policy book.

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14. Be it resolved that the Association renew the following policy:

Exam Periods

The Association actively encourages the Undergraduate Studies Committee and the University Senate to implement the following additions regarding examination scheduling to Trent' s academic regulations:

- Trent University must ensure a minimum 48-hour break between the end of classes and the opening of both fall and winter examination period;
- Trent University must not schedule more than 3 exam periods per day;
- No student shall have more than two exams in a 24-hour period;
- No exams in the Fall Session shall be scheduled later than December 22 and no exams in the Winter Session shall be scheduled later than April 28. This means that four exams can be scheduled for one day as an emergency measure.
- Exam schedule must be posted by reading break of each semester to support domestic and international students travelling home.

Rationale Provided:

- Resolution needs to be renewed to be included in our policy book
- Many of these points aren't honored by Trent regarding exam scheduling
- Update includes a provision that benefits students

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15. Be it resolved that the Association renew the following resolution:

Income Contingent Loan Repayment

Preamble

First introduced in 1955 by US economist Milton Friedman, a leading proponent of supply side economics, Income Contingent Loan Repayment Plans (ICLRPs, also referred to as “Income Sensitive”) were devised as a way to shift the cost of an education from the state to the individual. This shift would result in increasing the individual cost of education and student debt loads. Friedman proposed that, in order to bear the increased financial load, students should have access to loans so large that they would only be manageable if the repayment was scaled to the level of students’ income after graduation.

Supporters of ICLRPs characterize the plan as a fair and flexible model of student aid. But, ICLR models are mechanisms to raise institutional revenue through an emphasis on debt management, rather than acknowledging the crisis of debt accumulation. Shifting the cost to students would only place upward pressure on user fees, further increasing debt loads. In other countries where ICLRPs have been implemented, such as Australia, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom, the corresponding tuition fee increases have been dramatic, some as high as 500% in one year.

Borrowers with lower incomes after graduation repay their loans over a longer period of time, thus accruing more interest than graduates with high post-graduate incomes who are able to repay their loans more quickly. The result is borrowers who earn more money would pay less for their education. Ultimately the Plans would discriminate against disadvantaged groups in Canada, who continue to suffer from wage inequality. Consequently, if ICLRPs are implemented it is likely that many people may select their field of study based on a rough estimate of future earnings, rather than personal interest.

Historically, when ICLRPs have been considered in Canada, the reaction has been overwhelming. When the Federal Liberal government attempted to introduce the Plans in 1995, students mounted a massive campaign and successfully defeated their implementation. In 1996, the provincial government in Ontario also proposed ICLRPs but met resistance from students and unwillingness from the banks.

Policy

The Association opposes Income Contingent Loan Repayment Plans and related repayment schemes that extend debt repayment, rather than reduce student debt. The Association supports a national system of needs-based grants.

Rationale Provided:

- Resolution needs to be renewed to be included in our policy book.

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16. Be it resolved that the Association renew the following policy:

Labour Disputes

The Association reserves the right to take a side in labour negotiations, disputes and other labour issues internal and external to Trent University which affect the interests of **Trent University** students

Rationale Provided:

- Resolution needs to be renewed to be included in our policy book
- Amendment inclusive of all students, not just ones at Trent

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17. Be it resolved that the Association renew the policy below with the following amendment:

Mental Health

Preamble

Students arriving at a post-secondary institution for the first time need to adapt to significant changes, including but not limited to moving to a new area, separation from family and friends, establishing a new social network, managing a budget given the realities of high tuition fees, combining academic study with other commitments, coping with access in a new environment and, for international students, living in a new country and adjusting to a different culture. While these changes can be exciting and challenging and an intrinsic part of the attraction of going to university or college, they can also give rise to anxiety and stress.

Students may experience emotional or psychological difficulties that without appropriate professional support are more persistent and inhibit their ability to participate fully in higher education. These difficulties may take the form of a long-term mental illness or a temporary, but debilitating, psychological condition or reaction. In addition, some students may arrive at university or college with a pre-existing psychological problem, either declared or undeclared.

Mental health problems can seriously impair academic performance and overall behavior. Minor difficulties that interfere with a student's capacity to work may also result in distress and undermine academic progress.

Policy

The Association supports mental health strategies that:

- i. Utilize on-campus committees mandated to investigate mental health services and ensure adequate delivery of quality service. These committees should be comprised of representatives of the institution, students' union representatives, student group representatives, faculty associations and staff unions;
- ii. ~~Recognize the diversity of experiences faced by students in post-secondary institutions;~~ Recognize the diversity of cultural backgrounds among students and the diverse forms of mental health support students should have access to.
- iii. Consider the impacts of high tuition fees and underemployment on students' mental health;
- iv. Adequately fund and provide resources for campus mental health and counselling services, including crisis and trauma centers;
- v. Work to de-stigmatize mental health issues within the student population and promote a culture of safety in discussing these issues; and
- vi. Respect the confidentiality of personal information provided by students and service-users.

Rationale Provided:

- Resolution needs to be renewed to be included in our policy book.
- Amendments reflect up-to-date understanding of mental health

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18. Be it resolved that the policy below be amended to the following:

Occupational Health and Safety

~~The Association is vitally interested in the health and safety of its employees and members, as well as visitors to the university community. Protection from occupational disease and injury is a major continuing objective. To these ends, the Association shall take appropriate measures to protect and promote the health and safety of employees, students and visitors and to provide a safe, healthy work and study environment.~~

~~The Association, as an employer, is ultimately accountable for health and safety; as a university community every individual has a role to play: the management and Board of Directors are obliged to be cognizant of health and safety concerns and to provide appropriate and effective mechanisms for dealing with them; supervisors have a responsibility for the safety of themselves and those who work and study under their supervision; all members of the University community are entitled to adequate safety training programs, and all employees are obliged to participate willingly in such training and to follow safe work practices and procedures.~~

~~The Association believes that it is in the best interest of the entire university community to consider health and safety a priority in every activity. Commitment to health and safety is an integral part of the university's and the Association's mission.~~

The Association is vitally interested in the health and safety of its staff. As an employer, the Board of Directors is ultimately accountable for the health and safety policy observed by all staff of the Association. To meet the requirements of the Ontario Health & Safety (OH&S) Act and ensure that the Board of Directors is able to address health & safety in the workplace, the Association shall entrust the specifics of these matters to Operating Policy. To ensure that its obligations are met, the Board of Directors shall endorse effective mechanisms for dealing with all health and safety concerns of the Association. Each individual who performs work on behalf of the Association is obligated to participate in all training specified by this program and be aware of its other stipulations. It is expected that, at a minimum, the Health & Safety Program meet all requirements laid out in OH&S Act and promote a workplace that observes the well-being of its employees.

Key Aspects to be Observed:

- 1) A Staff Health & Safety Policy & Program shall be maintained under the Association's Operating Policy and reviewed each year;
- 2) The appointment of a Staff Health & Safety Officer;
- 3) Established lines of responsibility for dealing with health and safety concerns, including awareness, adherence & reporting;
- 4) Working within Trent University's procedures regarding health & safety where it is considered possible and advantageous to do so;
- 5) The production of an annual health & safety report to be reviewed by the Board of Directors.

Rationale Provided:

- Resolution will put the Association in a better position regarding H&S relative to legislation
- Will require a corresponding Operating Resolution

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19. Be it resolved that the policy below be renewed and amended to read as the following:

Public Education and Public Universities

The Association supports the development, maintenance and enhancement of a strong public education system at all levels of instruction.

Private, for-profit universities and college degree-granting programs threaten to undermine the integrity of university degrees. Furthermore, private, for-profit universities threaten to significantly increase fees associated with post-secondary education, and strain funding resources available to public universities.

The Association is opposed to and will work to prevent the establishment of private, for-profit universities.

The Association calls upon the Provincial and Federal Governments to provide full funding to post-secondary education in an effort to eliminate financial strain on students and support the maintenance of higher education as a public service.

Rationale Provided:

- Renewal of resolution necessary for it to continue
- Added language clearly establishes the public nature of education and the responsibility that government has to provide it

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20. Be it resolved that the policy below be renewed:

Relations with Peterborough

The Association believes that Trent University has benefited since its inception from an amiable relationship with the citizens and residents of Peterborough.

The Association believes that the educational experience of Trent students is enriched by the close relationship that they maintain with the civic, athletics, artistic, recreational, spiritual, social, and other organizations and communities of the City of Peterborough.

The Association will work to maintain the presence of Trent students in the life of the Peterborough community and opportunities for students to reside and participate in that community.

Rationale Provided:

- Resolution needs to be renewed to be included in our policy book.

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21. Be it resolved that the Association renew the policy below with the following amendments:

Senate Seats

The Association condemns the Trent University Senate for the removal of the Association's three senate seats. While the association re-gained one of these seats in 2018 to provide representation for part-time students on Senate, the Association is committed to regaining the remaining two of these three lost seats. ~~The Association is committed to actively working to regain the three lost senate seats.~~ The Association wishes to use these seats to provide representation for International Students and Indigenous Students on Senate.

Rationale Provided:

- Resolution needs to be renewed to be included in our policy book.
- Amendments identify an objective for the Association to achieve.

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22. Be it resolved that the Association Renew the following policy:

Student Loans and Parental Resources

The Association recommends that the provincial and federal governments find better ways to identify non-supportive parents.

The Association recommends that the assessment of parental resources be based on a percentage of total discretionary family income without a mandatory minimum contribution.

The Association recommends that the assessment of parental resources better reflect the individual circumstance faced by families from different regions or provinces.

The Association recommends that the needs-assessment process require a smaller financial contribution from parents.

Rationale Provided:

- Resolution needs to be renewed to be included in our policy book.

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23. Be it resolved that the Association Renew the following policy:

The Trent Environment

The Association is committed to the following interconnected environmental principles and strives to work towards their recognition and implementation within both the Association and the wider University community:

- i. The practice of responsible energy management through reduced consumption and the encouragement of energy efficiency;
- ii. The protection, conservation and enhancement of the natural (i.e. The Trent Nature Areas) and cultural heritage on campus and other University sites;
- iii. The creation of a high-quality working and learning environment through the discouragement of litter, noise pollution, poor air quality, and appropriate lighting conditions;
- iv. The encouragement of the use of public transport and the provision of accessible facilities for the differently-abled, pedestrians, cyclists, and other forms of alternative transportation;
- v. The choice of products and suppliers which minimize negative environmental impacts (Subject to necessary budgetary constraints);
- vi. **The practice of Increasing awareness of food waste campus wide, by providing more educational materials on the issue of food waste, and encourage the creation of integrated waste management policy with specific responsibilities for all stakeholders and departments to move towards zero waste campus dining;**
- vii. The minimization of waste by reduced consumption with minimal packaging and the development of effective waste management and recycling procedures, including composting and hazardous waste management (batteries, ink cartridges, etc.);
- viii. The avoidance of the unnecessary use of hazardous materials and processes, and the taking of all responsible steps to prevent damage to either public or ecological health where such materials are in essential use;
- ix. The enhancement of environmental awareness among Association members and among other Trent community members;
- x. The imbedding of environmental sustainability into the design, maintenance, and use of its buildings and areas;
- xi. Full adoption and implementation of the Trent University Environmental Policy (April 1999);
- xii. The continued monitoring and audit of Association and Trent University environmental policies and practices.

Rationale Provided:

- Resolution needs to be renewed to be included in our policy book.

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24. Be it resolved that the Association renew policy below with the following amendments:

University Autonomy

Trent University stands unique amongst Ontario universities in its aim of providing high-quality liberal arts and sciences education in an interdisciplinary context with attention to the holistic education of the individual student.

Universities and colleges of applied arts and technology have distinct objectives and mandates that are best accomplished independently and reciprocally.

The mandate of Trent University ~~could~~ **necessarily** be compromised through amalgamation of the university or its faculty or administration with another university or college institution. The Association supports and will work to ensure the full autonomy of Trent University as a necessary condition for the attainment of the goals, purposes and mission of the university.

Additionally, the mandate of Trent University would necessarily be compromised through intervention of the provincial or federal government's directives for policy changes. However, the Association will support policy directives that enhance student safety and wellbeing.

Rationale Provided:

- Updates resolution and renews it

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25. Be it resolved that the Association renew policy below

User-Tuition Fees

Preamble

Education is a fundamental right of every human being without distinction of race, gender, age, religion, sexual orientation, political belief, economic, and social condition. User fees, in the form of tuition fees and ancillary fees constitute a barrier to post-secondary education.

In 1948, the Government of Canada signed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights that states, “Everyone has the right to education”. In 1976, Canada signed the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights that states, “Higher education shall be made equally accessible to all, on the basis of capacity, by every appropriate means, and in particular by the progressive introduction of free education”.

The cost of post-secondary education and increasing debt levels are significant factors in the decision students make about whether or not to continue their studies beyond high school. It should be recognized that students from low-income backgrounds are much more likely to be affected by financial issues when deciding whether to pursue post-secondary education. It should also be recognized that these financial barriers disproportionately affect traditionally marginalized groups in our society including but not limited to: first nations people, women, people of color, queer identified people, differently-abled people and immigrants.

Students participating in post-secondary education may face considerable financial barriers including housing, transportation, and user fees. In addition, many students may forgo job earnings to attend a postsecondary institution. Of these, user fees account for the greatest up-front, universal barrier to obtaining a post-secondary education in Canada.

It is the responsibility of governments to fully fund post-secondary education. In the absence of adequate funding, post-secondary institutions often rely on private sources, such as user fees.

Policy

The Association believes that a universally accessible post-secondary education system will only be achieved once financial barriers to obtaining that education are eliminated. In particular, this requires that postsecondary education be entirely publicly funded, user fees be rendered non-existent, and that students have access to student financial assistance for living expenses in the form of non-repayable grants.

In the case where tuition fees do exist, the Association supports their elimination beginning with tuition fee freezes, followed by reductions. The Association opposes the differentiation of fees on the basis of program, country or province of origin, student status, or for any other reason.

The Association opposes the justification that increased student financial assistance can offset the effects of higher tuition fees. In particular, the Association opposes any form of income contingent student loan repayment schemes, as they are designed to facilitate a system of individual user fees in which students pay the full cost of post-secondary education, and invariably result in massive tuition fee increases.

Policy Resolutions Set to Expire (not included in document):

- 1) Online Registration Pg. 72**
- 2) Opposition to Zoom Media Pg. 72**