

WHEREAS the Coalition Avenir Québec government has proposed to increase out-of-province students' tuition to upwards of \$ 12,000, to increase international students' tuition to \$ 20,000, and to require 80 percent of non-Quebec students in an English-language undergraduate program to reach an intermediate Level 5 knowledge of spoken French by their graduation;

WHEREAS this tuition increase has been imposed without the consent or consultation of academic institutions, faculty unions, or student associations;

WHEREAS this increase in tuition fees will perpetuate elitist and classist barriers that exclude low-income and marginalised students from post-secondary education;

WHEREAS higher tuition fees will burden lower-income out-of-province students attending university in Quebec with increased debt and greater pressure to work during their studies;

WHEREAS this increase in international tuition rates reflects a disproportionate targeting of international students, thus reflecting xenophobic positions and contributing to a culture that is unwelcoming to and creates barriers against migration and migrants;

WHEREAS Quebec has granted exemptions to international students from France and Belgium to pay out-of-province Canadian tuition on the basis that these countries are French speaking, while excluding the 26 other nations that list French as an official language, which are notably concentrated in West Africa;

Be it resolved that ECA coordinate with other student unions and go on a 3-day strike in the Winter 2024 semester; from March 13th-15th, where hard picketing will be used as a tactic to enforce the strike.

Be it further resolved that ECA consider online lectures, asynchronous lectures, holding class in an alternative location, or having assignments due during the strike against the strike and crossing the picket line.

Be it further resolved that lab sections of courses are exempt from the strike in order to fulfill the lab time requirements needed for course completion.

Be it further resolved that all students enrolled in an internship or CO-OP work term are exempt from the strike as to not interfere with the completion of required hours.

Adopted at March 4th Special General Meeting