

Question

TO: Senate
FROM: Amine Arezki
SUBJECT: Access to Student Services for Continuing Studies Students
MEETING DATE: 12 May 2015

PREAMBLE: Whereas the University receive a grant for Student Services, on a count of the Full Time Equivalency, which include Continuing Studies Students.
Whereas student on Continuing Studies taking 3 and 6 credits per semester are excluded from opting in on Student Services.
Whereas Student Services include essential services like Mental Health and Conselling Services.

QUESTION: What is the proportion of the government grant for Student Services that come from the Full Time Student Equivalency count of Continuing Studies students? What is the justification that we don't offer any student services to continuing studies students taking 3 and 6 credits per semester if a grant is received for that purpose?

Response from Senator Dyens, Deputy Provost (Student Life and Learning)

Thank-you very much for the question.

Question 1:

Over the past five years the proportion of Full Time Equivelancy students in the School of Continuing Studies at McGill has been stable at about 5.5%. Given these numbers, in fiscal year 2015, the proportion of the government grant for Student Services that come from the Full Time Student Equivalency students in the School of Continuing Studies is \$133,000 of a total \$2.4 million. Please note that since these amounts are calculated on the basis of FTEs and that FTEs are credit-based, any students/programs/courses that are non-credit (i.e. either zero credits or CEU-based) do not generate FTEs and therefore do not generate any funding from the MEESR.

Question 2:

It is understandable that students in the School of Continuing Studies, who bring grant moneys for student services to McGill, would want access to those student services. Please note however that we are

currently reviewing our ability to offer differential fees for all part time students given that any fee paying student, full or part time, can access the services at a full time rate. Therefore, I am committing to working with students from the School of Continuing Studies to determine if they would like to run a referendum to pay the mandatory student services fees . Should those students indicate that they would like to pay the full time student service fees, all eligible students would then pay for the full suite of services. We, unfortunately, are not able to provide part time services.