



POLICY MOTION NUMBER 2306 (2019-03)	PASSED: 2019-03
TITLE POLICY ON EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCE ACCOMMODATIONS	EXPIRES: 2022-03

WHEREAS academic institutions have experienced a critical juncture in which mental health and personal need awareness, policy change, and dialogue have rapidly developed;

WHEREAS a function of this critical juncture involves addressing extenuating personal circumstances through accommodations;

WHEREAS Mount Allison is not isolated from this greater shift, and must address its internal position accordingly;

WHEREAS Mount Allison does not explicitly have guidelines pertaining to short-term and extenuating circumstance accommodations, including the need to miss class or assessment;

WHEREAS all Mount Allison community members could benefit from a greater conversation about the extent to which courses can accommodate the immediate needs of students while maintaining fairness and academic freedom;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MASU advocates for academic accommodations that are considerate of students' needs and states of well being in extenuating circumstances;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the MASU recommends the development of guidelines that outline how to manage short-term, unanticipated student needs, including the need to miss class or assessment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED THAT the MASU endorses holding information or training sessions to sharpen faculty, staff and student sensitivity to the interplay of practicing self-care and addressing short-term crises.

