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MOUNT ALLISON STUDENTS' UNION RESPOND TO INCREASE IN CORRESPONDENCE TUITION

SACKVILLE, NB — On October 21st 2015, the University Ombudsperson, Josh Johnson, delivered a report to the Students' Administrative Council (SAC) regarding Mount Allison University's decision to increase correspondence tuition effective in the winter semester of 2016. The SAC mandated the MASU Executive Committee to investigate and present an action plan during the November 4th 2015 SAC meeting. Vice President Academic Affairs, Mary Emma MacNeil, and Vice President Communications, Tina Oh, presented a report to the SAC on November 4th 2015, and announced that the MASU does not support the increase in correspondence tuition.

The MASU submitted a motion to the December 1st 2015 meeting of Senate calling for the "Board of Regents to revise the 2015-2016 University Budget concerning the topic of Correspondence Course Tuition". Respectively, a student-wide silent demonstration is being organized for the Senate meeting beginning at 3:45pm outside of the Wallace McCain Student Centre.

"An increase in [correspondence] tuition presents a difficult financial burden to our membership," says President Dylan Wooley-Berry. "Mount Allison prides itself on its liberal education, and the MASU believes this tuition increase impedes accessibility to these courses. Correspondence courses allow students to have flexibility in their degree programs, and anything that takes that option away is obviously harmful to our membership. I encourage all students to attend the student demonstration on Tuesday [December 1st, 2015] to express any dissatisfaction with the correspondence tuition increase."

The Mount Allison Students' Union represents all full- and part-time undergraduate and graduate students at Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick.