



Motion Regarding Inclusion of Academic Assessment Rights on Course Outlines

Whereas, the University Student Assessment Policy¹ guarantees that:

“6.1.3 The maximum weight of a final examination in a regularly scheduled Course shall be no more than 75% of the Course Grade. Exceptions shall be made where students have been offered the choice in advance to write a final examination worth more than 75% of the Course grade.

6.1.4 Should written examinations in a regularly scheduled Course contribute 50% or more to the Course grade, one of the examinations shall be held during the final examination period, except for the Faculties of Medicine and Dentistry.” (emphasis added)

Whereas, student testimony indicates that this policy is not consistently adhered to,

Whereas, guidelines exist within the Student Handbook regarding information that must be included on course outlines, such as the right to submit work in English or French (see Appendix 1),

Whereas, increased visibility of the rights outlined in Sections 6.1.3 and 6.1.4 to both professors and students may support compliance with said rights,

Resolved, that the SSMU support the inclusion of an abbreviated outline of student academic rights with an emphasis on Sections 6.1.3 and 6.1.4 of the University Student Assessment Policy on course outlines.

Resolved, that the SSMU support the amendment of section 10.2 of the Student Handbook to include a sub-point suggesting the inclusion of an abbreviated outline of student academic rights with an emphasis on Sections 6.1.3 and 6.1.4 of the University Student Assessment Policy.

Moved by:

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¹http://www.mcgill.ca/secretariat/sites/mcgill.ca.secretariat/files/university_student_assessment_policy_0.pdf.



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Appendix 1.

“10.2 Every instructor shall provide students during the first week of lectures with a written course outline.

This information should include, where appropriate:

- (a) A description of the topics to be considered in the course,
- (b) A list of required and recommended readings and other materials,
- (c) A description of the means of evaluation to be used in the course,
- (d) A statement regarding the right of every student to submit in English or in French written work that is to be graded (not applicable to courses in which acquiring proficiency in a language is one of the objectives).
- (e) The instructor's office hours for students, office location and telephone number for office appointments.”

See <http://www.mcgill.ca/secretariat/sites/mcgill.ca.secretariat/files/student-handbook-2010-english.pdf> for full document