

Resolution Regarding SSMU's Support for the Campaign for *Paid Practicum*

WHEREAS Education students must register for four practicums over the course of their university degree, and;

WHEREAS practicums range from three to eight weeks in duration;

WHEREAS during the course of the practicum Education students take on over 70% to 100% of the cooperating teachers' course load, and;

WHEREAS Education students are not remunerated financially during their mandatory practicums, and;

WHEREAS the workload of the practicum typically forces students to suspend any other employment (and therefore income sources) they might have during this period, and;

WHEREAS mandatory practicums are remunerated in most other faculties such as Engineering, Architecture, nursing etc., and;

WHEREAS a majority of university practicums in other programs are paid by the public and private sector at an average rate of \$14.82 per hour worked, and;

WHEREAS a minimum of one hour travel time is to be expected during the practicums, and;

WHEREAS Education students are asking the MELS for fair remuneration for their practicum, and;

WHEREAS the EdUS has initiated a campaign, in conjunction with CADEUL, called *Paid Practicum* to pressure the MELS for recognition of the financial hardship that education students face and for fair remuneration from the government to correct this, and;

WHEREAS unpaid practicums pose a financial barrier to Education students;

WHEREAS in the SSMU policy on Accessible Education, approved by the General Assembly on February 15th 2007, "calls for the elimination of all financial barriers to a high-quality postsecondary education;"

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that SSMU officially endorse the campaign *Paid Practicum* of the EdUS, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that SSMU provide financial and logistical support to the campaign, including but not limited to campaign material expenses and collaboration in the organization of demonstrations.

Respectfully submitted,

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