

September 13, 2019

TO: All Deans
Vice-President, Marine Institute

FROM: Tom Nault, Secretary of Senate

SUBJECT: Academic Amnesty - Global Strike for Climate Action - September 27, 2019

At a meeting held on September 10, 2019, Senate approved the following motion, proposed by Robin Whitaker (Senator for Humanities and Social Sciences), in regard to students who wish to participate in the Global Strike for Climate Action on September 27, 2019:

That Senate encourage academic units and professors to grant Academic Amnesty on September 27, 2019 to all students of all Memorial University campuses, insofar as academic units and professors remain flexible in making alternate arrangements, including rescheduling examinations and the deadlines for submission of assignments, and in adopting any other required forms of leniency for students who are absent from classes on September 27, 2019 so that they may freely participate in the global strike for climate action without fear of academic repercussions.

We would appreciate your support in making this information available to members of the faculty in your academic unit. By a copy of this memorandum, I am also asking the Executive Director of Marketing and Communications to promulgate this information to members of the University community through the normal information channels. Thank you very much for your co-operation.

Tom Nault
Secretary of Senate

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