

Senate Motion for Academic Amnesty – Submitted by Senator J. Welsh, President SGPS

WHEREAS the Society of Graduate and Professional Students has planned activities for the week of November 5th, 2008 to raise public awareness about the role of post-secondary education and to pressure governments to reinvest in affordable, high-quality public education;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Senate encourage academic units and professors to be flexible in making alternate arrangements, including re-scheduling examinations and the deadlines for submission of assignments, and provide reasonable access to materials covered during lectures for students who are absent from classes on November 5th, 2008 so that they may freely participate in the Day of Action with no fear of academic repercussions;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Senate acknowledges the usefulness of a strong student effort to increase financial support for post-secondary education;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Senate endorses lawful activities to increase awareness of the need for Canada and Ontario to reinvest in affordable, high-quality public education at the post-secondary level.