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Dear Members of the Association,

We, the 2019-2020 VCSA Executive Council, would like to apologize for the absence of communication regarding the elections of the 2020-2021 VCSA Executive Council. We understand the frustration of some at the fact that the 2020 elections did not take place. However, in light of this pandemic, and an unplanned college closure, we, as a Council, were not prepared to hold equitable online elections.

Our electoral process was scheduled to begin during the outset stages of this pandemic. Without access to the College, numerous imperative components of our electoral procedures could not transpire to online platforms.

With great uncertainty and lack of precedence, the VCSA Executive Council made the decision to amend the VCSA By-Laws to account for drastic measures to be taken in emergent times such as these. On May 28, 2020, the Executives unanimously agreed to enact the *Emergency Powers*, ARTICLE XXVII, which allows for the emergent extension of the mandates of willing Executives until a new Council is elected in the Fall. This, along with other recently adopted amendments are accessible via our new website vcsavanier.com where our most recent meeting minutes can also be found.

During this transitional period, the primary goal and focus of the Executive Council will be to create a fair online election for future Executives and to continue representing students on various college boards and committees.

This decision was made in hopes of achieving what is most beneficial for all students of the Association and we hope that this decision is understood by the Vanier Community. Nevertheless, we want to assure you that we have been working hard as a Council to interact with you through our social media by having online activities to boost students' morals as well as offering you all a source to share your concerns. We want you to know that we are here for you and that we are working to the best of our abilities to continue voicing your thoughts and concerns through these challenging times.

Sincerely,

The VCSA 2019-2020 Executive Council

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