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## Vanier College Students' Association Statement Regarding COVID-19

Dear Members of the Association,

As we find ourselves in a troubled time due to the recent outbreak of COVID-19 and the action taken by both our provincial and federal governments, the Executive Council of the Vanier College Students' Association would like to inform all members of the Vanier College community of several decisions our team has made.

While the campus remains closed and classes resume online as of today, the VCSA continues to serve its students through all possible means including but not limited to the adoption of an amendment to our governing by-laws to allow for continuity in the Executive, holding video conference meetings, discussing pertinent issues at hand, etc. As the semester will continue the VCSA would like to note its support in student success and will always continue to fight for the students' best interest even during this time of crisis. Although the Executive group has made and will continue to make progress to better all things VCSA, the group has had to make a couple of tough decisions.

As the semester will not resume on campus, the Executive Council has decided to hereby cancel any and all activities and events related to the VCSA for the remaining portion of the Winter 2020 Semester. This decision comes with heavy heart; however, seeing as schools will remain closed through May 1<sup>st</sup>, the Executives did not deem it appropriate to postpone any activities and events as we do not know for sure when we will resume our classes on campus. In the event that the circumstances we currently find ourselves in change drastically and result in our premature re-entry to school, all pre-scheduled activities and events will be reconsidered if they are feasible and if time permits for them to take place.

Concerning the annual VCSA General Elections, which according to our governing by-laws are to be held sometime between the 15<sup>th</sup> day in April and the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, we are left with no other choice than to postpone them. As the situation stands now, we are not able to hold elections during this time. The election period is quite lengthy as it includes several processes which cannot be completed at this moment in time. The Executive Council is in the midst of evaluating numerous options to guide us to hold a fair and equal election for all. As our body tries to resolve this issue with an effective solution, note that the Executives will keep the community posted on any progress made in terms of potential solutions and finding the means of holding a fair election.

During these uncertain times the Executive Council would like to remind all members of the Vanier College community that our group is always working hard to better the Association regardless of the tough obstacles we may be challenged by. In the spirit of working towards our goals of bettering the Vanier community, we encourage all students to contact the VCSA if they have any questions, concerns, or have anything that should be brought to our attention through our social media platforms or email.

Sincerely,

The Executive Council of the VCSA