

March 8, 2019



MEMO

TO: NSCAD STUDENTS

RE: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Dear NSCAD Students:

We know that you have many questions about the current labour disruption and, in particular, about how prolonged strike action could affect your year. Below, please find updated Frequently Asked Questions that address many of the questions that we are currently hearing from students.

Please know that we are doing our best to mitigate the impact of the labour disruption on our community. We encourage you to reach out directly to us via Labour@nscad.ca if you have specific questions that are not addressed in this memo, or visit our labour website: <https://navigator.nscad.ca/labour/>.

Sincere regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dianne", written in a cursive style.

Prof. Dianne Taylor-Gearing, FRSA
President, NSCAD University

UPDATED: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How long will the strike last?

The Faculty Union has taken strike action and NSCAD cannot provide any assurance of when the strike might end. An agreement must be reached between NSCAD and the Faculty Union before classes can resume. We are hoping for a timely resolution and plan to meet with the Union on Sunday.

When the strike ends, will the semester be lengthened beyond the planned final date of April 12?

There were 31 class days remaining when the work stoppage began. The administration is eager to work with faculty, once the strike is over, to do every thing possible to make

up for the number of missed days within that 31 day period, if possible. This will ultimately depend on the length of the strike.

Will the graduation ceremony be cancelled?

If the strike does not end by Monday, March 11, we will have to make a decision on whether to postpone the graduation ceremony.

When will students learn if they will received a travel subsidy?

When the strike is over, the Academic Resources Committee, which is composed primarily of faculty, will meet and make these decisions.

What is my status as an exchange student during the strike?

All exchange students remain students in good standing and actively enrolled in the courses in which they are registered.

How can I best make use of this delay in my courses?

During the work stoppage, students will still have access to the facilities and equipment as technicians and other staff are still on duty and serving in a supervisory capacity.

Can I cross the picket line?

Yes. Safety, which includes not feeling at risk, is paramount. Any student feeling at risk should trust their own instincts as to whether to cross or not.

Hundreds of students have crossed the picket line each day, either to go to classes still being taught, to use the equipment and facilities, or simply to use the washrooms.

Why has SUNSCAD closed their offices?

The sign on their door states, "In respect for FUNSCAD Unit 1's strike, we will be working remotely and can be contacted via email and social media!" The email address on the sign is president@sunscad.org