

# University of Toronto Governing Council

# **Supportive Leaves Policy**

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# **PREAMBLE**

The University is committed to providing students with the opportunity to pursue their educational goals. It is also committed to maintaining a safe environment for study and work. Pursuant to the University's commitment to providing supports and accommodations for students and its obligation under the *Ontario Human Rights Code*, the University provides accommodative resources through a number of services, each involving specialized attention by experienced and qualified staff to the specific needs of students.

In most circumstances, these resources, combined with the engagement and cooperation of the student, will allow a student to obtain their educational goals. However, on a small number of occasions, a student's behaviour that is believed to be arising from mental health or other similar issues may pose a risk of harm to others or result in substantial impairment of the educational experience of fellow students, and efforts to accommodate the student's needs may not be successful in mitigating or eliminating this risk.

In these exceptional circumstances, the potential application of the *Code of Student Conduct* will not be suitable, since it entails a disciplinary approach. This Policy, therefore, sets out additional options to better accommodate the needs and the situation of the student.

This Policy must be applied in a manner that fully complies with the *Ontario Human Rights Code* including (where applicable) the duty to provide reasonable accommodation to the point of undue hardship.

# **DEFINITIONS**

The following definitions are intended to assist in the interpretation of this Policy.

**Accommodation(s)** – one or more accommodative measures (e.g. academic accommodations such as extra time to write an exam, physical accommodations to assist in the learning environment, etc.) provided pursuant to the *Ontario Human Rights Code*'s duty to accommodate up to the point of undue hardship.

**Student** – For the purposes of this policy, "Student" means any person:

(i) engaged in any academic work which leads to the recording and/or issue of a mark, grade or statement of performance by the appropriate authority in the University or another institution; and/or (ii) associated with or registered as a participant in any course or program of study offered by or through a college, faculty, school, centre, institute or other academic unit or division of the University; and/or (iii) entitled to a valid student card who is between sessions but is entitled because of student status to use University facilities.

**Division Head** – Principal, Dean or director ("head") of a faculty, college or school in which the Student is registered. In the case of a graduate Student, the Division Head is the Dean of the Faculty of the Student's academic program.

**Student Case Manager** – Person designated by the Vice-Provost, Students to be the point of contact with the Student throughout the process of this Policy's application, and to act as the liaison for the Student with staff who are engaged in exploring potential Accommodations and supports as well as with the offices engaged in providing advice on the terms and conditions if needed.

**Student Support Team (SST)** – A team established by the Vice-Provost, Students that may include student service representatives, registrarial personnel, medical professionals, academic administrators, equity officers, or others. The team brings together multidisciplinary expertise to assist in a nuanced and comprehensive analysis of the Student's needs. Campus Safety staff will not participate as members of the SST, unless requested by the Student, but may provide relevant information (e.g., release conditions imposed by the court) and/or consult on safety planning.

# I. INTRODUCTION

# a. Guiding Principles

- 1. All Students in good standing at the University of Toronto ("the University") should have the opportunity to pursue their academic aspirations.
- 2. The University offers supportive resources and Accommodations to assist Students who are encountering academic difficulties, including where those difficulties may arise from health issues or personal problems.
- 3. Students have personal autonomy regarding their health and wellness and are encouraged to seek the help they may need.
- 4. The success of Accommodations is significantly influenced by the Student's own participation in and cooperation with the processes of exploring and implementing such Accommodations.
- 5. The University is committed to compliance with the Ontario Human Rights Code, to compliance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, and to the Occupational Health and Safety Act, including its obligations with respect to safety in the workplace. Furthermore, the University is committed to fulfilling the duty to accommodate persons with disabilities to the point of undue hardship in accordance with applicable laws, regulations and the University's Statement of Commitment Regarding Persons with Disabilities. This commitment is reflected in resources that are made available throughout the University to Students with disabilities.
- 6. The University must respond effectively and responsibly regarding Students whose behaviour causes concern regarding the safety of others, or whose behaviour negatively and materially impacts the learning environment of others.
- 7. The University recognizes that some Students may benefit from an opportunity while not actively engaged in academic studies to focus their attention on engaging supports and assistance, and, if applicable, Accommodations, so as to increase the chances of success when academic studies resume.
- 8. The University has the obligation to address the conduct of a Student where it is necessary to do so in order to protect that Student and/or other members of the University, or to comply with legal duties, including statutory duties and those arising where it has a duty of care.
- 9. Supportive Leaves must only be mandated in exceptional circumstances and where the Student is provided with procedural safeguards as set out below. Such safeguards include, for example,

- an opportunity to request a review and appeal of decisions made pursuant to the Policy, as well as ongoing ability to submit relevant information to a designated point of contact for due consideration by the University.
- 10. Prior to invoking this Policy, the University must have pursued and sought the Student's participation in, and cooperation with, Accommodative measures, including but not limited to: informal discussion and meetings with the Student and relevant student support services; referrals to campus resources such as Accessibility Services, health and counselling and others; encouragement to seek treatment or seek other assistance voluntarily and to utilize divisional leaves of absence protocols and Accommodation policies. The Policy should only be invoked where such measures have been unsuccessful, or where the Student has been unable to participate and cooperate in the processes that may have provided the opportunity for success.
- 11. In invoking this Policy, the goal of the University is that the Student may resume academic activities safely and with a reasonable prospect of engaging in the basic activities required to pursue an education at the University.
- 12. Any Leave from the University under this Policy must not to be treated or be perceived as punitive or disciplinary and must be identified as an approved Leave.

# b. Application and Scope

- 13. This Policy applies to all Students as defined above.
- 14. This Policy provides a process as set out in section IV, which provides for a Student's registration and/or association with a course or program to be academically suspended or terms to be imposed on a Student's participation in University activities or attendance on University premises in accordance with the provisions of this policy and where Accommodations and/or supportive resources have not been successful or are not feasible. This process also includes fairness provisions which permit the Student to seek review and appeal of the imposition of such terms as set out in sections IV and V.
- 15. This Policy provides additional processes to benefit Students in cases where issues such as serious mental health or other similar issues may be affecting the Student's ability to participate in the core educational activities that the University provides.
- 16. Nothing in this Policy precludes the University from acting independently of this Policy, and pursuant to its duties under the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*, or its general duty of care, or under any applicable legislation or University policies, in any situation where it believes there to be an urgent and/or serious situation of risk or potential risk of serious harm of any kind to any members of its community, the Student, or to the public.
- 17. Nothing in this Policy precludes the operation of any other University policies, including but not limited to the *Code of Student Conduct*, applicable *Residence Codes*, the *Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters*, the *Policy on Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment*, and University policies for assessing academic achievement and progress. Depending on the circumstances, other University policies may apply.
- 18. Nothing in this Policy precludes the operation of voluntary leave policies or guidelines adopted by divisions. Some of the behaviour captured within the ambit of this Policy may fall within other

- policies, including those identified above. Additionally, a Student may be governed by regulatory codes pertaining to specific professions (such as the health professions) or to licensing and accreditation requirements for specific designations. This Policy does not preclude the application of the obligations under those regulatory codes.
- 19. Where there are health or mental health components to the behaviour, this Policy is intended to provide an opportunity for the exploration of possible alternative approaches that may be better aligned to specific circumstances of the Student.

# II. CONFIDENTIALITY AND PRIVACY

- 20. The University is committed to compliance with legislation dealing with the protection of privacy, including the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Personal Health Information Protection Act*, and it confirms that collection, use, and disclosure of personal information pursuant to this Policy must be in accordance with relevant law.
- 21. It is understood that safety considerations are paramount and may result in a need to disclose personal information without consent, including potentially beyond those who need to know it for the purposes of implementing the Policy. For example, confidentiality cannot be maintained when information must be disclosed in order to address a risk to the health and safety of members of the University community, or where the University is obliged by law to disclose the information. Examples include where:
  - a. an individual is at risk of imminent and/or serious physical or psychological harm to themselves or others;
  - b. members of the University community may be at risk of harm; and/or
  - c. reporting or investigation is required by law.

#### III. ONGOING ABILITY TO PROVIDE INFORMATION

22. At any stage during the application of this Policy, the Student may provide new information to the Vice-Provost, Students that the Student believes is relevant including but not limited to medical information, specialist reports and other expert assessments.

#### IV. PROCESS

# a. Notification to the Vice-Provost, Students

23. Where the Division Head believes that the Student's behavior is such that they may benefit from a Supportive Leave, the Division Head may refer the matter to the Vice-Provost, Students for consideration under this Policy.

- 24. In the above circumstances, where the Student is a graduate Student, the Vice-Provost, Graduate Research & Education, must also be informed.
- 25. The notification to the Vice-Provost, Students must include:
  - a. The name of the Student;
  - Description of events/incidents, including location, behaviour, and any other information relevant to the assessment of whether the threshold has been met and to the assessment of the possibility of a leave;
  - c. Additional relevant information such as other people involved and/or any witnesses;
  - d. Supportive resources offered or engaged, Accommodations if any, and interventions taken to date; and,
  - e. Any other information that may assist the Vice-Provost, Students in making an informed assessment and a fair engagement with the Student who is the subject of the notification.
- 26. The Vice-Provost, Students must determine if initial action under this Policy, including the appointment of a Student Support Team (SST) and a Student Case Manager, is appropriate. If the decision is to take initial action under the Policy, the steps set out below must be taken.
- 27. Meeting the threshold in section IV.f.37.a, below, does not imply that the Student must automatically be placed on a Supportive Leave. Instead, the Policy allows for the review and deployment of additional resources to assist the Student, including Accommodation to the point of undue hardship, ideally with the result that a mandated Supportive Leave is not required. The Division Head's involvement is for the benefit of the Student to ensure senior level academic engagement and that divisional resources are coordinated with central resources to provide the appropriate support for the student.

#### b. Appointment of a Student Support Team and a Student Case Manager

- 28. As soon as practicable, and normally within three (3) business days of the notification, the Vice-Provost, Students, must designate the appointment of a Student Case Manager. The Student Case Manager must engage with the Student and become a point of contact with the Student to assist the Student in accessing available resources including Accommodations and liaising with the Student's division.
- 29. The Vice-Provost, Students must also establish a SST.

#### c. Notification to Student of a Referral to the Vice-Provost, Students

30. The Vice-Provost, Students must notify the Student in writing that the Student's behaviour has resulted in a referral to the Vice-Provost, Students for consideration under this Policy. The Student Case Manager must make all reasonable efforts to offer support to the Student through the notification process and provide for an opportunity for a discussion with the Student regarding this Policy.

31. The Student is entitled to seek the support of a health professional of their choice, a legal advocate and/or a family member or other support person at any time during the application of this Policy.

# d. Availability of Accommodations

- 32. At any time during the consideration and application of this Policy, the Student Case Manager must assist the Student in seeking Accommodations and other resources that may assist the Student to continue in the academic program without a Leave arranged under this Policy.
- 33. Some of the other resources that may be made available to the Student include referrals and contact information for internal and external community services and resources; and the availability of academic Accommodations in consultations with the divisional registrar or other appropriate divisional officials.
- 34. Wherever reasonably possible, the Student Case Manager should explore such alternatives in consultation with the Student, the Vice-Provost, Students, and the SST.

### e. Voluntary Supportive Leaves

- 35. At any time during the application of this Policy, the Student Case Manager may facilitate a voluntary Supportive Leave. The student remains eligible for a divisional voluntary leave of absence; however, a voluntary Supportive Leave may be appropriate where a Student's behaviour 1) is believed to be arising from mental health or other similar issues such that application of the Code of Student Conduct would not be appropriate, 2) is beyond what can be accommodated by divisional supports or divisional voluntary leave policies, 3) requires coordinated integration of divisional institutional, and community resources; and 4) requires a coordinated return-to-study plan and supporting documentation.
- 36. In the absence of a divisional Voluntary Leave of Absence policy or guideline the following applies:
  - a. Where the assessment of the SST, in consultation with the Student Case Manager, is that a voluntary Supportive Leave may be appropriate, the SST must develop recommendations for the terms and conditions that may apply, for consideration by the Student and by the Vice-Provost, Students.
  - b. The Vice-Provost, Students, having consulted with the SST and, where circumstances warrant, with others having specialized knowledge or expertise, must outline in a written communication to the Student the circumstances giving rise to the decision to invoke this Policy, the process followed to arrive at this outcome, and terms and conditions of the recommended voluntary Supportive Leave.
  - c. The Student may submit comments to the Vice-Provost, Students in response to the recommendation.
  - d. If the Vice-Provost, Students and the Student both agree with the recommendation, the terms and conditions must be signed off by the SST and the Student, and the implementation process for the voluntary Supportive Leave will begin.

- e. If the Student is a Complainant or Respondent under the *Code of Student Conduct,* and if the Division Head agrees, any proceedings under the *Code* may be stayed until the Student returns, or until a time to be specified by the Division Head.
- f. When the voluntary Supportive Leave is implemented, the Student Information System must reflect the fact that the Student is on a Leave under the terms of this Policy.

# f. Mandated Supportive Leaves

- 37. The Vice-Provost, Students may place the Student on a mandated Supportive Leave after following the process set out below when:
  - a. The Student's behaviour poses a risk of harm to others, including but not limited to a risk of imminent and/or serious physical or psychological harm, or harm that involves substantial impairment of the educational experience of fellow students, where there is reason to believe that the behaviour is related to serious mental health or other similar issues, as opposed to behaviour that should be dealt with under the disciplinary processes in the Code of Student Conduct, or behaviour where the normal application of academic standards (including the possibility of failure in a course, petitions and appeals, etc.) is appropriate and sufficient. Note that mere discomfort with the Student's behaviour or negative responses resulting from animus towards those with disabilities does not qualify as psychological harm as understood in this threshold; and
  - b. Reasonable efforts have been made to enable the Student to continue in their studies and to deploy Accommodations, but such efforts have not been successful and/or the Student has not participated in or cooperated with offered Accommodations.
- 38. Where the Vice-Provost, Students is considering placing the Student on a mandated Supportive Leave, the Vice-Provost, Students, in coordination with the Student Case Manager, must advise the Student that a mandated Supportive Leave is under consideration.
- 39. As part of the consideration of a mandated Supportive Leave, the Vice-Provost, Students must make reasonable efforts to seek relevant information based on the circumstances of the case, including via expert internal or external assistance, and must consult with an appropriate regulated health professional. Such expert external assistance may include, for example, seeking the Student's consent to undergo a risk assessment such as a psychiatric risk assessment, or medical or behavioural assessments, at the University's expense and with the Student's consent to disclosure of the information obtained. In addition, the Vice-Provost, Students must have consulted with the SST, which itself comprises people having relevant knowledge and expertise.
- 40. The SST, in consultation with the Student Case Manager, must develop recommendations for the terms and conditions of the potential mandated Supportive Leave and return to studies, for consideration by the Vice-Provost, Students.
- 41. Prior to imposing a mandated Supportive Leave, the Vice-Provost, Students must write to the Student and outline the circumstances giving rise to the decision to invoke this Policy, the circumstances giving rise to the consideration of a mandated Supportive Leave, and the recommended terms and conditions of the mandated Supportive Leave.

- 42. Upon receipt of the written notice, the Student has the right to provide information the Student believes to be relevant. Any information provided by the Student must be reviewed and considered by the Vice-Provost, Students. The right to provide additional relevant information and have it considered applies at all stages of the application of this Policy, as described in section V.c., below.
- 43. The Vice-Provost, Students, must decide based on the information available whether to impose a mandated Supportive Leave, and must communicate the decision to the Student in writing including the basis for the decision, and will provide information as to how to seek a review of the decision as set out in section V.
- 44. The Student Information System must reflect that the Student is on a Leave under the terms of this Policy for the duration of the leave.
- 45. While a mandated Supportive Leave is under consideration, nothing precludes the Vice-Provost, Students and the Student from entering into a Voluntary Leave of Absence either through divisional policies or as specified in section IV.e.

#### **URGENT SITUATIONS**

- 46. In some urgent situations such as those involving serious threats or violent behaviour, it may be necessary to remove the Student from the University immediately. In such cases, the Vice- Provost, Students may temporarily place the Student on a mandated Supportive Leave without following the above process, for up to five business days if, in the opinion of the Vice-Provost, Students, there is reasonable apprehension that the safety of others is endangered, damage to University property is likely to occur, or the continued presence of the Student may significantly interfere with the legitimate operations of the University, and efforts to provide reasonable accommodation to the point of undue hardship have either been unsuccessful or cannot be put in place sufficiently quickly to mitigate the risk of harm.
- 47. The Student must be informed immediately of the reasons for the mandated Supportive Leave and must be afforded the opportunity to respond.
- 48. The temporary mandated Supportive Leave must be reviewed by the Vice-Provost, Students within the five business day period and notification to the Student whether or not the mandated Supportive Leave is continued must be provided. The Student may seek review and appeal of that decision as set out below.
- 49. During the five business days, the Vice-Provost, Students must appoint a Student Case Manager and must consider the terms and conditions of the leave, having regard to relevant circumstances such as those set out in section 51 below.

#### g. Terms and Conditions

- 50. Terms and conditions of voluntary or mandated Supportive Leaves must be tailored to the Student's individual circumstances, must be consistent with the University's duty to accommodate to the point of undue hardship, and, wherever feasible (except in urgent mandated Supportive Leave cases), must consider input from the Student.
- 51. The terms and conditions may include but are not limited to:

- where appropriate, the availability of academic credit for any academic work or academic research already completed;
- the financial implications to the Student of the proposed Leave including any tuition reimbursement arrangements, continuation of health and dental benefits, and changes to the status of any awards, stipends, or scholarships;
- any limitations on the Student's access to University premises or activities;
- where appropriate, the cessation of the Student's involvement in co-curricular and student life activities for the duration of the proposed Leave;
- where appropriate, transitional housing arrangements if the Student is living in a University residence;
- where appropriate, consideration of the Student's access to health care at a campus health, counselling and wellness centre;
- where appropriate, consultation with a Student Immigration Advisor;
- where appropriate, consultation with Indigenous Elders and knowledge-keepers;
- where appropriate, the cessation of the Student's University-related work, research, or teaching obligations;
- the method of communication between the Student and University for the duration of the proposed Leave;
- the support available to the Student while on leave and steps the Student must take while on leave, including any specific forms of treatment or counselling;
- where appropriate, an expert assessment required by the University to address the Student's ability to return to studies. This may include a psychiatric risk assessment, an assessment by another form of medical specialist, an occupational assessment, or some other kind of relevant expert assessment (see also section VI below);
- Where possible, to identify, in advance, specific Accommodations that may be available upon a return to studies (see also section VI below); and
- such other terms as the University considers appropriate and relevant to the Student's individual circumstances and are consistent with ongoing duties under the Ontario Human Rights Code.
- 52. The terms and conditions must clearly set out the duration of the Leave and the conditions and process for a return to studies.
- 53. In the case of a Leave that has been based, in whole or in part, on safety
  - considerations, the terms and conditions must set out any University requirements for the Student's safe "Return to Studies", which may include:
    - verification that it is safe for the Student to return;
    - an outline of the support available to the Student upon return, including any Accommodations;

- an indication that the Student may be subject to ongoing conditions;
- an indication of who will be responsible for monitoring the Student's return to studies;
- an indication that, after a successful return to studies, the Student may be required to engage in periodic meetings with the Student Case Manager;
- any provision for the periodic review or adjustment of the conditions; and
- the conditions that the Student must meet to have the terms and conditions lifted following a successful return to studies.
- 54. The terms and conditions of the Leave should address the consequences of non-adherence with either the Leave or the return to studies.
- 55. Where the University considers it appropriate, the terms and conditions may include a provision limiting the Student's ability to be on University premises or part of the premises for the duration of the Leave. The terms and conditions may include that the Student may visit the University only if authorized in writing by the Student Case Manager, and may only communicate with designated University personnel and only for purposes related to the application of this Policy.
- 56. The Student's academic transcript must not include any notation regarding the Leave.

# V. REVIEW AND APPEAL PROCESS

# a. Review by the Provost

- 57. The Student may request that the Provost review the decision of the Vice-Provost, Students to place the Student on a mandated Supportive Leave by making a request in writing, no later than 10 business days after the decision.
- 58. The Student may request an extension on the time limit for the Student to request a review and the Provost may extend the time limit, if appropriate, having regard to the University's duty to accommodate to the point of undue hardship.
- 59. The Provost must review and respond to the request within 10 business days of receipt.
- 60. The Provost must consider written submissions, if any, from the Student, as well as any new or additional information that the Student wishes to submit.
- 61. The Provost may consult with the SST and the Student Case Manager, or anyone else whom the Provost believes may have pertinent information.
- 62. The Provost must render a decision in writing with reasons.
- 63. The Provost may vary or confirm the Vice-Provost, Students' decision to place the Student on a mandated Supportive Leave or may refer the matter back to the Vice-Provost, Students for further consideration with whatever guidance the Provost deems appropriate.
- 64. While a matter is under review by the Provost, the conditions of the mandated Supportive Leave as determined by the Vice-Provost, Students shall continue to apply.

65. At any time during this review process, the Student may elect to explore the possibility of a Voluntary Leave of Absence under a Divisional Policy, or in the absence of a Divisional Policy, this Policy. If the Voluntary Leave of Absence is agreed upon jointly by the Vice-Provost, Students, and the Student, the review by the Provost must be discontinued.

# b. Appeal to the University Tribunal

- 66. The Student may appeal the decision of the Provost to the Senior Chair (or delegate), or the Associate Chair (or delegate) of the Discipline Appeals Board of the University Tribunal by filing a written notice of appeal, together with any submissions the Student wishes to be considered, within 20 business days of the Provost's decision. The Provost may also make submissions in response to the appeal.
- 67. In the ordinary course, and unless otherwise ordered, the Provost or representative must provide to the chair hearing the appeal the complete record upon which the decision being appealed from was made. The balance of the process for the disposition of appeals must be determined by the Senior Chair (or delegate), or Associate Chair (or delegate) designated to hear the appeal.
- 68. The time limit for appealing may be extended by agreement between the Student and the Provost or by the decision of the Senior Chair (or delegate), or the Associate Chair (or delegate) where the Senior Chair (or delegate), or the Associate Chair (or delegate) are satisfied that neither party has been prejudiced by the delay.
- 69. While the decision is under appeal, the terms and conditions of the mandated Supportive Leave continue to apply.
- 70. The Senior Chair (or delegate), or the Associate Chair (or delegate) must hear and decide the appeal.
- 71. The decision of the Senior Chair (or delegate) or the Associate Chair (or delegate) is final.
- 72. At any time during the appeal process, the Student may elect to explore the possibility of a Voluntary Leave of Absence under a Divisional Policy, or in the absence of a Divisional Policy, this Policy. If the Voluntary Leave of Absence is agreed upon jointly by the Vice-Provost, Students, and the Student, the appeal of the Provost's Decision must be discontinued.

#### c. Ongoing Ability to Provide Information During a Review or Appeal

73. At any stage during the review or appeal process, if the Student has new information that the Student believes may be relevant to the implementation of the mandated Supportive Leave (including but not limited to medical information), it may be provided to the Vice-Provost, Students. New information must be considered if it is relevant, as determined by the Vice-Provost, Students. New information provided during the review or appeal will not result in a new review or appeal process, but may result in a decision to alter the terms and conditions of a mandated Supportive, or to its discontinuance. Any such changes must only occur after consultation with the Student.

# VI. RETURN TO STUDIES AFTER A LEAVE

- 74. Following a Leave under this Policy, the Student must apply in writing to the Vice-Provost, Students in order to return to studies.
- 75. Unless otherwise specified in the terms and conditions, the application to return must be submitted at least 30 days prior to the term in which the Student wishes to enrol.
- 76. The Student's return to studies application should include information demonstrating that all terms and conditions associated with the Leave have been met and any supporting information that the Student chooses to submit, including updated medical information.
- 77. The Student is encouraged to provide information from any treating health specialists, and in particular, an opinion from a treating health professional that the Student is able to return safely to studies.
- 78. The Vice-Provost, Students, must consider the Student's return to studies application, and in doing so, may seek expert external assistance, including for example, a psychiatric risk assessment, or medical or behavioural assessments, at the University's expense and with the Student's consent to disclosure of the information obtained.
- 79. If, based on the available information, the Vice-Provost, Students is of the view that the Student is unable to return to studies safely and/or to engage in the essential activities required to pursue an education at the University, the Vice-Provost, Students may continue the mandated Supportive Leave under this Policy, or in the case of a voluntary Supportive Leave, may seek the Student's agreement to continue it. In the case of a decision to continue a mandated Supportive Leave, or to convert a voluntary Leave to a mandated Leave, the decision of the Vice-Provost, Students is subject to review and appeal as described in section V.
- 80. If the Vice-Provost, Students is of the opinion that the student is able to return to studies safely and engage in the essential activities required to pursue an education at the University, the SST must establish a return to studies plan. The Student Case Manager, in consultation with the Vice-Provost, Students, will be responsible for implementing any terms and conditions of the return to studies plan and the development of a monitoring program during the Student's return to studies.
- 81. If the Student does not contact the University within the timeframe specified in the terms and conditions, the University may notify the Student of the University's intention to terminate the Student's registration and/or association with the University and provide an opportunity for the Student to respond. The University must consider any response from the Student including whether an extension should be agreed to prior to proceeding to terminate the Student's registration and/or association.

# VII. ANNUAL REPORTING AND PERIODIC REVIEW

- 82. The Office of the Vice-Provost, Students, must prepare and submit annually to the University Affairs Board a report consisting of a narrative of the functioning of the Policy over the course of the preceding academic year. The report must also include statistics in aggregate form, without names or any identifying personal information, of the number of Students agreeing to a voluntary Supportive Leave, or being subject to a mandated Supportive Leave decision under this Policy and the numbers of any of those Students returning to registered status at the University during the academic year.
- 83. The Provost undertakes to review the Policy in the seventh academic year of its operation, and to report to the Governing Council about that review. Subsequent reviews shall be as requested by the Governing Council or as suggested by the Provost.