

**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 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 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.