



HURON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE STUDENTS' COUNCIL **STATEMENT ON HURON AFFILIATION PROPOSAL**

OUR STANCE IN OPPOSITION

Following the unanimous vote of elected student representatives at an HUCSC General Assembly meeting on March 28th, 2021, the HUCSC is announcing our stance and releasing the following statement in opposition to Huron's proposal to seek independence from Western University.

In its current form, Huron's proposal has not been shown to be in the best interests of students or the institution. **Utilizing the data collected and relayed within our full report, the HUCSC outlines three recommendations. Without substantive engagement and convincing evidence with respect to the concerns and recommendations raised in our report, and in line with the March 28th HUCSC General Assembly vote, the HUCSC will not consider supporting the proposal.** We, therefore, call on Senior Administration at Huron to:

1. Publish a clear and procedural framework to outline the substantive goals of the Consultation Process, the manner in which concerns and support from key stakeholders will be recorded, and how those findings will be relayed to the Board.
2. Take all feasible steps to properly inform students and the Huron community about the details of the Proposal including both its positive and negative impacts. This would entail, at minimum, a document that outlines, step-by-step, each aspect of the Proposal and the reasoning behind it.
3. Take all feasible steps to actively consult students, as opposed to waiting for individual students to initiate contact. This will include, but is not limited to, delaying the Board of Governors' vote on the proposal, at minimum, until students are in-person and have a legitimate, face-to-face opportunity to give feedback.

Please see the HUCSC's full report, available on our website at <https://www.myhuron.ca/affiliation> for details regarding our organization's stance and recommendations. If anyone would like to share any further feedback about Huron's proposal or the HUCSC's stance, please feel free to reach out to info@myhuron.ca. Huron students: the HUCSC would like to emphasize that we are hearing your concerns. The HUCSC strives, first and foremost, to represent the interests of students and amplify the collective student voice through advocacy. To us, being a good leader means being a good listener first. Before taking a stance on this proposal, we conducted extensive consultations with our community in order to put as much decision-making power as possible in the hands of students. We have written our report not only to advocate for students' interests, but also to clearly communicate our processes and intentions as we do so. Student voices matter, and we are committed to amplifying yours.

Huron is an institution that emphasizes ethics-based leadership, inclusivity, and trust. **We encourage Huron to consider how these values are currently being acted upon so our community can continue to flourish.**