



Coalition de Résistance pour l'Unité Syndicale Étudiante
(Coalition of resistance for a united student movement)

POSITIONS BOOK OF CRUES

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Internal Positions

Be it resolved that CRUES avoid reformist positions and take an explicitly combative approach in its mobilization against the current system all while recognizing the value of a diversity in tactics.

(April 29-30, 2023)

Political Positions

Considering the lack of public transit service in the regions outside of Montreal/Tiotià:ke, as well as the urgent demand of municipal activist groups and people living in the different regions of so-called Quebec.

Considering the significant cuts already made and announced in the funding of urban, regional and interregional public transit authorities in so-called Quebec;

Considering the importance of the accessibility of urban, regional and interregional public transit for the student population and for the ecological transition;

Considering the social mobilization on the subject, including the inter-union demonstration of transport company staff on November 14, 2023;

That CRUES support the mobilization for major investments in urban, regional and interregional public transit and invite the student population to participate.

That CRUES position itself in favor of a complete halt to all new fossil fuel projects and the rapid exit from them.

That CRUES position itself in favour of protection for all urban green spaces.

That CRUES position itself in favour of better accessibility and frequency of urban, regional and interregional public transport.

That CRUES take a stand against the third link project and the Northvolt project, in order to finance free and frequent urban, regional and interregional public transit accessible to all people living on the territory of so-called Quebec.

That CRUES opposes any possible government cuts to urban, regional and inter-regional public transit.

(November 18-19, 2023)

Considering that since October 7, 2023, bombing tactics have led to more than 7000 deaths in the Gaza Strip;

Considering that these bombings lead to the disproportionate slaughter of women and children, especially when they target hospitals, as in the case of the strike on Gaza's al-Ahli hospital on 17 October, which killed more than 500 people;

Considering that 2.2 million people, most of them Palestinian réfugié.es since 1948, are imprisoned in a territory smaller than the size of the island of Montreal in the open-air prison of the Gaza Strip, the majority of them children under the age of 18, and are now deprived of water, food and electricity through the Israeli army headquarters, which controls everything that enters and leaves the Gaza Strip by sea, air or land;

Considering that these attacks and tactics on the part of Israel since 7 October, accompanied by its revanchist, racist and colonial rhetoric, raise fears of an attempt at genocide against the Palestinian people of Gaza;

That CRUES supports the Palestinian people in their resistance to the colonial and murderous aggression on the part of the Israeli state, its army, and its international patrons such as Canada, the United States, England and France.

That CRUES give its moral support to local organizations and groups supporting the Palestinian people and denouncing the ongoing massacre, both at the university level, at the level of Montreal, so-called Quebec or so-called Canada.

That CRUES adopt a pro-BDS (Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions) mandate for the Israeli state and its murderous campaign of repression and occupation of Palestine.

(November 18-19, 2023)

Considering the recent announcements by the CAQ of an increase in tuition fees for out-of-province and international students;

That CRUES take a stand against the tuition fee increase announced by the CAQ and in favour of free education;

That CRUES denounce any increase in tuition fees as an attack on free and non-discriminatory public education, the protection of which is one of its founding principles.

(November 18-19, 2023)

External Positions

Considering the rise of hate towards the 2SLGBTQIA+ community and more specifically trans people;

Considering recent events in a 2SLGBTQIA+ club involving external bullying of students;

Considering the recent protests promoting the obstruction of young people's learning and freedom with regard to their gender identity;

Considering that people from these communities are being deprived of their rights in some countries close to ours;

That CRUES supports queer struggles and movements.

(November 18-19, 2023)

Considering the intense working conditions, the poor mental state of the workers and insufficient wage increases that do not take into account inflation;

Considering the decrease in the quality of services offered in our educational institutions;

Considering the common interests shared between étudiant.es and workers, further uniting them as allies;

Considering the importance of work slowdowns and strikes as an effective means of fighting economically for justice, accessibility and quality of education at the post-secondary level;

That CRUES adopt a mandate to support the Common Front, the FIQ and the FAE.

(18-19 novembre 2023)

Considering the history of relations between groups of militant associations and student federations;

Considering Article 2 of its statutes and regulations, "CRUES is a combative trade union organization";

That CRUES do not participate in any way in the official bodies of the student federations (in particular the UEQ and the FECQ).

That the CRUES team's contacts with the federations be adopted out in a manner that ensures its accountability to the member associations of the CRUES.

That member associations be informed of any contact between the CRUES team and the federations in a spirit of transparency, and that contacts with student federations be kept to a minimum.

Let these contacts be made in a cordial manner.

That CRUES give priority to its own information material rather than that of the federations when they are campaigning on the same issue as the CRUES.

(November 18-19, 2023)