

Consultation on the creation of a Quebec Council of Universities



**8 points of consensus
to prevent a good idea
turning into a horror story**

As members of Quebec's university community, we support the creation of a Council of Universities if:

- 1** The majority of its membership is drawn from the various groups which make up the university community.
- 2** It is a public body, independent from the government and ministers, as well as university administrations.
- 3** It is autonomous in its conception, operation, and administration, by means of a separate budget voted on annually by the National Assembly. In particular, it must have the necessary resources to document and analyse data relating to the sources, distribution, and use of funding at Quebec universities.
- 4** Its mission includes advising on, and coordinating, the development of the university network in order to put an end to competition between universities.
- 5** It is guided by the following principles: accessibility to post-secondary education, institutional autonomy, academic freedom, collegial management, collaboration between institutions, and the conception of universities as a public service.
- 6** It promotes freedom, democracy, and accessibility in universities across Quebec, while protecting them from commodification.
- 7** It leads neither to the establishment of quality control mechanisms which result in coercion of both employees and students, nor to a standardization of curriculum content.
- 8** The creation of this new structure is accompanied by a substantial and recurrent reinvestment.

Let us be clear:

**Minister David's current proposal
does not meet our expectations.**



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