Dear URI AEC users,

We hope you are all having a safe and enjoyable break and look forward to seeing you back at the AEC on or after the 18th of March. Please review the following message carefully regarding AEC services after Spring Break!

In the weeks leading up to break, you may have noticed our AEC spaces are filling quickly with students, just like you, eager to access tutoring support. Whether you’re seeking assistance with a challenging subject or aiming to enhance your understanding & confidence, keeping these points in mind will help create a positive and productive tutoring experience.

Realistic Expectations of Peer Tutors:
Peer tutors, like you, handle their own coursework, exams, and work responsibilities. While we do our best to manage unexpected absences, illnesses, or increased demand for support, sometimes situations are beyond our control. Remember that peer tutors are fellow students. They might not have all the answers, but their aim is to guide and support you, equipping you with problem-solving skills and making learning a collaborative journey.

Respect Center Policies:
Please familiarize yourself with our center’s policies linked here. These guidelines aim to ensure an ethical, consistent, and a positive experience for students & staff who work at the AEC and students using AEC services. Please pay special attention to the “At Capacity” policy below:

At Capacity Policy: This policy is in place to manage student numbers during drop-in tutoring, ensuring the best quality support and preventing peer tutors from becoming overwhelmed. If a subject area and/or class subject is full as determined by the AEC staff and tutors, it may close temporarily during the drop-in hours. In that case, we recommend you check back in an hour for possible reopening or use TracCloud to schedule an online occasional session or weekly tutoring group. Signing in for a different course, then using tutors in the closed section is not permitted.

Plan Ahead for Major Deadlines:
Do your best to avoid last-minute cramming or deadlines sneaking up on you. Schedule tutoring and plan drop-in sessions well in advance of major exams or due dates. As a reminder, our dedicated team of Academic Skills Consultants can help with your planning needs! Log into TracCloud and sign up for a session today!

Approach Tutoring with a Growth Mindset!
Be open-minded and receptive during tutoring sessions. Ask questions, seek clarification, and actively engage with tutors and peers. If you’d like to express gratitude to your tutor, please fill out our survey available in your inbox after your session or on our website! For more information on growth mindset, check out this video!

Remember, the AEC is here to support your academic growth. Let’s collaborate, learn, and succeed together!

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