

Important News from the Union - Did you know...

...that a recent Arbitration decision in Ontario indicated that academics had the obligation to evaluate students' performance in a course objectively and in accordance with the relevant academic standards and marking scales approved by the institution's Senate?

The arbitration decision indicated that teaching methods based solely on student-centered motivation evaluation, with grading entirely based on the student's participation in class and the student's learning to the maximum of his/her capabilities, while performing "average" in competitive testing, does not meet the objective evaluation obligation set by the institution Senate. The Arbitrator indicated furthermore that ignoring the relevant academic standards and marking scales approved by the institution's Senate was a serious offense that is not protected by the concepts of academic freedom and a faculty's tenure status and can thus be ground for dismissal for cause by the University.

Please consult the Union if you have questions about student assessment as per our Senate policy.

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