

January 10, 2008

Mme. Madeleine Meilleur,
MPP, Ottawa-Vanier,
237 Montreal Road,
Ottawa, ON

Dear Mme. Meilleur,

I know I speak for many of my colleagues who attend Prof. Rancourt's classes. He has that rare gift for inspiring his students both to develop their mental powers and to apply them.

I am very concerned that the University of Ottawa's president and executive have tried numerous times to shut some of his classes down, and concerned too about their draconian actions against members of the community who have a right to participate in public meetings at the university. Their overt gall astounds me, and I believe it is in the public's and democracy's interests that they be told to stop this kind of unacceptable behaviour or to resign.

I hope we can count on your support.

Yours sincerely,

Oli Cosgrove

March 4, 2008.

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Dear Mme. Meilleur,

Thank you for your letter of January 28 in reply to my concerns about some draconian actions on the part of the University of Ottawa executive.

I appreciate your willingness to speak to Minister Malloy about this issue. Unfortunately, your colleague doesn't seem to share your concern. He hasn't

even bothered to acknowledge my letter which suggests to me that he hasn't looked into the matter, either.

I'm sorry to have to inform you, Mme. Meilleur, that unless there is some noticeable action in this matter by Mr. Malloy, I will not vote Liberal in the next election. I appreciate your efforts and believe you serve your constituency very well, but I cannot support a party whose ministers are so negligent and irresponsible.

Again, thank you for your interest and encouragement. I wish this letter could be more positive.

Yours sincerely,

Oli Cosgrove

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The Hon. John Molloy,
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Toronto, ON M7A 1L2.

Dear Mr. Malloy,

On January 10 last, nearly two months ago, I wrote to you concerning my apprehension about some actions on the part of the executive at the University of Ottawa, primarily two actions:

1) the arrest of two women and one man who had attended a *public* Faculty of Science Council meeting last May and 2) the executive's attempts to eliminate Ottawa Cinema Politica, a Friday evening film course open to the public at which there is seldom an empty seat.

Mr. Malloy, I don't write letters to ministers of my government because I have nothing

better to do. In this case, I wrote to alert you to developments in a public institution that are not in the public interest; that are, in fact, very repressive. You have not, to my knowledge, looked into this very serious matter and you have not even had the courtesy to acknowledge my letter.

I am disappointed and disgusted, and will remember your inaction at the next provincial election. I'm sorry I voted Liberal in the last one.

Yours sincerely,

Oli Cosgrove

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