

MOUNT ALLISON FACULTY ASSOCIATION

January 30, 2014

Dr. Robert Campbell
President
Mount Allison University
Sackville, NB

Dear Robert:

I was distressed to learn that the administration has gone back on its commitment that student research would not be needlessly disrupted or interfered with during a strike.

In a correspondence of Wednesday January 29, 2014 the Dean of Science has directed Psychology students working on honours projects to discontinue their research and/or fieldwork on the grounds that the supervisory arrangements that had been made for these projects are "not satisfactory."

The Dean of Science has overruled the judgement of supervisors who had determined that their students could continue to work independently in the event of a strike. By substituting an administrative judgement for an academic judgement, student research has been placed in jeopardy. Moreover, students seeking clarification of whether or not the Dean's order applied to their particular research projects have been left confused and uncertain as to their status.

We urge you to allow our students' research to continue on the terms that had been arranged and approved by their supervisors.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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