



Denis Rancourt &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

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## Unjust dismissal case

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Dear President Rock,

Once again I am writing to you about the case of former University of Ottawa professor Denis Rancourt. It seems that no action has been taken by the university to remedy the rather appalling situation of a fired professor with multiple outstanding grievances against the university, all of which seem to merit consideration and suggest a systematic pattern of misconduct by university administration officials. I kindly request your personal attention to this matter as I would like to see immediate action taken to bring some semblance of justice to Denis Rancourt. The university has an interest in doing so, not least for the purpose of salvaging its reputation as an institution of higher learning with democratic governance. Whenever people ask me about Dr. Rancourt, I tell them that after over 20 years of teaching, publishing and outstanding community service he was fired for giving straight A's to a single class. Everyone expresses incredulity and strongly suspects an ulterior motive was behind the dismissal. I point out that Dr. Rancourt was and still remains very critical of the university administration and its corporate financial donors with shady connections (e.g. Desmarais – Power Corp. - Burma), and it is exceedingly easy for people to connect the dots. People shake their heads in disbelief that such a shameful trampling of basic democratic rights, such as freedom of speech could go unremedied in Canada, in spite of widespread public knowledge of the case.

Fortunately, it is never too late to admit that one has made a mistake. Just as it helps a child in his or her development to learn to admit when they are wrong, I think it would be highly beneficial for the U of O administration to do so. Reinstatement of Denis Rancourt as a full professor of the university and quick expedition of all his outstanding grievances would be a good place to start. Then the University of Ottawa could at least start to think about holding its head high.

Thank you for your attention to my concerns. I look forward to a timely response.

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