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Sent: Monday March 22, 2010 3:52 PM
To: Francois Houle; Allan Rock
Subject: University of Ottawa - or University of Beijing?

Mr. Rock,

I would expect someone visiting the PRC (or the former Soviet Union perhaps) to receive as nasty an email as was sent by Mr. House to Ann Coulter, but in Canada? Really?

My only hope is that you send a similar letter to all speakers who come onto your campus - regardless of which way their politics may lean. It shows not only a total lack of tolerance for unpopular or dissenting opinions, but also brings into question the balance of education being taught at the University of Ottawa. Apparently, judging solely by your email, the entire educational system of Ottawa (perhaps all of Canada) is a celebration of all things liberal, and a vilification of anyone who views the world through a right-sided perspective.

Am I about accurate on that one?

When educational systems embrace one political philosophy over another to the extent that any dissenting voice is attempted to be silenced through threats and coercion - at what point can you differentiate education from indoctrination?

[REDACTED] I have often told my wife about the friendly and open minded people that I met over the years, Canadian citizens who were open to discuss politics from differing viewpoints, willing to recognize our differences but still approach the discourse in an intelligent manner. I fear that over the past years that your value system has been so overtaken by liberal activism and hatred towards anyone with a differing opinion that young Americans venturing into Canada will not have the same memorable experiences.

I think the University of Ottawa, and most certainly Mr. Houle, need to do some soul searching and try to find the place where they have strayed so far from the path that this type of letter to someone coming to speak is deemed necessary and acceptable.

Appalling behavior, that is all I can say.

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