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Subject: RE: Convocation: rencontre le 10 décembre à 11 h 00, salle TBT 054

From: "Robert Major" <rmajor@uottawa.ca>

Date: Tue, 9 December, 2008 2:50 pm

To: dgr@uottawa.ca

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"Page Valin, Louise" <lpvalin@uottawa.ca>

Lalonde, André E. <deansci@uOttawa.ca>

Monsieur Rancourt,

Je réitère ma convocation à la réunion de demain matin, 11h00. Nous nous attendons à ce que vous soyez présent.

Robert Major

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From: dgr@uottawa.ca [mailto:dgr@uottawa.ca]

Sent: 9 décembre 2008 12:49

To: Vice-recteur Etudes

Cc: Allan Rock; Cabinet du recteur - Office of the President; dgr@uottawa.ca; APUO2;

Denise Lalonde; Andre E. Lalonde (Dean, Science); Nathalie Des Rosiers; Louise Page-

Valin; APUOADM

Subject: Re: Convocation: rencontre le 10 décembre à 11 h 00, salle TBT 054

December 9, 2008

Dear Mr. Major,

Sorry, I am not available at this time. I suggest Wednesday December 17th, if such a meeting is needed.

I am only aware of one investigation of me by the dean, related to grading

in PHY4385. Please describe the other investigation(s) to which you refer.

Please inform me of the purpose of your proposed meeting, and cite the relevant sections of the Collective Agreement.

Please send me the documents in question or arrange for me to pick them up at the dean's office before any needed meeting and at the earliest convenience.

You have not acknowledged or responded to my email of October 16, 2008 (text of email attached below). Would our meeting, if needed, concern this matter?

Sincerely,
Denis Rancourt
(Professor)

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Subject: Convocation: rencontre le 10 décembre à 11 h 00, salle TBT 054
From: "Vice-recteur Etudes" <vretudes@uottawa.ca>
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Monsieur Rancourt,

Vous êtes convoqué à une réunion à la pièce 054 du pavillon Tabaret, le 10 décembre à 11 h 00.

Assisteront à la réunion, le doyen de la faculté des Sciences, monsieur André Lalonde, la Secrétaire par intérim, madame Nathalie Des Rosiers, et moi-même.

Des documents relatifs au résultat des enquêtes effectuées par le doyen vous seront remis à cette rencontre qui ne devrait pas durer plus de 30 minutes.

L'APUO reçoit copie de cette convocation. Je vous encourage fortement à être accompagné d'un représentant de l'APUO à cette rencontre.

Sincèrement,

Robert Major

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October 16, 2008

Robert Major
VP-Academic
University of Ottawa

Cc: APUO, Allan Rock, Pamela Harrod.

Re: Surveillance of me by Robert Major's office

Dear Mr. Major,

On April 21, 2007, I filed an official access to information (FIPPA) request with the University to obtain all documents about me in your office. The University did not respond as required by law and was found to be in deemed refusal by the Information and Privacy Commissioner (IPC) of Ontario. Upon mediation overseen by the IPC, some records were provided from your office in a decision dated July 17, 2008. The latter University decision is now itself under appeal with the IPC, as I expect you have been informed.

One record from your office (henceforth denoted "Record-2"), obtained in the July 17th decision, is an analysed and commented transcript (a report) of a keynote talk I delivered as part of the Studies in National and International Development (SNID) series, Queens University, Kingston, Ontario, on October 18, 2007. The SNID organizers did not produce a transcript of my talk.

Record-2 was written in a way that shows that parts of my keynote talk that pertained to my relationship with the University of Ottawa or to my opinions about the University of Ottawa were of central interest to the writer of the report, whereas the more academic content of my keynote talk

was not of interest (and was often explicitly omitted, with comment). The author of Record-2 calls himself "Reporter" and refers to me as "he".

On August 7, 2008, I made a second FIPPA request for all records related to Record-2. In a preliminary search, the University found seven (7) respondent emails and provided me with an index of the emails but did not give me access to the emails. This case is also filed as an appeal with the IPC. The disclosed index shows that, in addition to you, Michelle Flaherty (Legal Counsel), Jean-Yves Leduc (HR), Raymond St-Jacques (retired professor), Louise Pagé-Valin (HR), André E. Lalonde (Dean of Science), and an unmanned individual were involved in using Record-2.

I am concerned that the University may have practiced surveillance of my activities and may have ordered this transcript/report (Record-2).

Was the University in any way involved in the production of Record-2?

Did the University hire or coach an informant who would have produced Record-2, or did it obtain Record-2 from such an individual?

How was Record-2 produced?

Who produced Record-2 and for what purpose?

How did the University collect or obtain Record-2?

Why is the University interested in Record-2?

How has the University used Record-2?

Has the University obtained reports or transcripts of any of my other talks or communications on or off campus? If so, please provide details.

Does the University of Ottawa routinely seek such reports about professors' communications?

Please answer these questions and confirm or deny that the University was in any way involved in the production of Record-2?

You will understand that this matter is of great public concern, in our free and democratic society where universities are intended to be the guardians of academic freedom and where there is a reasonable expectation that university professors are not spied upon by their employers.

I await your answers.

Please reply by Monday October 27th.

Sincerely,
Denis Rancourt
(Professor)

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