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FACULTY ASSOCIATION

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Dr. Greg Keefe
President (Interim)
University of Prince Edward Island

RE: UPEI Air Quality / Ventilation

Dear Interim President Keefe,

I am writing to request an update regarding air quality / ventilation concerns that the UPEI campus unions have been raising for quite some time. Rather than summarize those concerns, I would encourage you to review our correspondence with your predecessor around these issues:

<https://www.upeifa.ca/covid-19/>

As you are no doubt aware, UPEI Administration notified the campus community (Sept. 6) that they would be hiring an outside consultant to evaluate the indoor air quality / ventilation of UPEI campus buildings. On September 24, we requested an update on the status of this evaluation. Several days later, UPEI Administration let us know that MCA Consultants had completed their sitework and were in the process of preparing a report. We were also told that once that report was provided to the UPEI Vice President Administration and Finance (VPAF), any findings and recommendations would be communicated to the University community.

As reported in local media (Oct. 26), UPEI Administration anticipated being ready to release the findings by mid-November:

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/prince-edward-island/air-ventilation-upei-1.6224411>

Today, as questions about UPEI's transparency and accountability around a range of issues remain in the headlines, I write to request, once again, that UPEI Administration either provide this full report to the University community or provide an explanation as to why they are unable to do so.

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As we head into the winter months in the midst of a global pandemic that shows no signs of abating, it is absolutely vital that everyone who lives, studies, and/or works on UPEI campus have a full appreciation of the health and safety hazards that exist on their campus, and feel safe in the knowledge that UPEI Administration takes their safety seriously.

Sincerely,



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