



The OWL HOOTS

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THE ROLE OF THE OMBUDSPERSON; A CLARIFICATION

The DTU has received complaints regarding the conduct of the Ombudsperson. These complaints range from interfering in areas of pedagogy, to advising students to lodge complaints and initiate petitions against teachers. The DTU would like to remind teachers that pedagogy is a *departmental* matter. Teachers and departmental committees have the right to decide their methods, textbooks and means of evaluation (see article 4-1.05 of the Collective Agreement). It is not within the ombudsperson's mandate to demand changes to pedagogy.

The Ombudsperson's mandate is to:

- To promote fair and equitable treatment for Dawson students within the College;
- To facilitate the resolution of complaints pertaining to procedures and policies;
- To promote a constructive informal approach to conflict resolution;
- To provide students with a source of information about policies, rights and avenues of redress;

Remember the ombudsperson is not an administrator and has no supervisory responsibility towards teachers. Any teacher who believes the Ombudsperson is overstepping these objectives should contact the DTU. We also recommend that a DTU representative accompany any teacher who is asked to see their Dean.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS!

The last day of availability will be Friday, June 14 with our holidays beginning June 17. The first day of availability will be August 19, classes begin on Wednesday August 21.

Note: There is no official vacation period for hourly-paid teachers (Continuing Education, A.E.C., non-credit)

DTU OFFICE – SUMMER HOURS

The DTU Office will remain open until Friday June 21st, 12:00 p.m. The DTU Office will re-open on Monday August 5, 9:00 a.m.

If you require the assistance of the DTU during the period from June 22nd – August 4th please contact us by e-mail:

DTU@DTU.OC.CA

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Teachers that are covered by La Capitale's health insurance have travel insurance and trip cancellation insurance to a maximum of \$2 million as long as you are covered by provincial medical insurance. This means that you do not have to purchase medical insurance or trip cancellation insurance when you buy a plane ticket or leave the country by car or travel within Canada.

The coverage is fairly extensive. Just some examples: Besides the basics of hospitalization, access to doctors and prescription drugs during emergencies, it includes TV & parking costs in hospitals, phone calls, provides a telephone interpreters line, repatriation of the teacher, immediate family & travelling companion by public transportation, provides information needed if passports or credit cards are lost and in the US the names of lawyers for travel accidents & civil actions. There are restrictions. It does not cover things like accidents from bungee jumping, gliding and parachuting. Phone numbers to dial when travelling appear on the back of your La Capitale medical insurance card (CAPS card).

Cancellation insurance covers not only cancellation of a trip. It also includes reimbursement of up to \$5,000 per person insured for default by a travel supplier including a travel agent. The insured person's trip must include a stay of at least one (1) night at the trip destination, either in or outside the insured person's province of residence.

An existing illness or condition

Anyone covered by travel insurance who has a known illness or condition must ensure before departure that his or her health condition is stable and under control, that he or she can carry out usual daily activities and that he or she is experiencing no symptoms that may reasonably suggest that any complications may arise or that medical care may be required during the planned stay outside the province of residence.

The information in detail can be found on pages 17 to 29 of your [English Insurance Guide updated January 1, 2012](#) (pages 17-29 [en Français](#)). It is well worth reading before you travel.



INTRODUCING THE 2013-2014 DTU TEAM

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James Requeima (Mathematics)

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Cynthia Martin (Poli. Science)
Brian Seivewright (Chemistry)
Alexander Simonelis (Comp.Science)

CRT COMMITTEE

Michael Duckett (History)
David Olesik (Economics)

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Coordinator of Grievances: Sylvie Perron (Languages)
Social Activities Committee: Geoffrey Pearce (Geography)
Retirement Committee: Laurie Nixon (Religion)
Solidarity Committee: Alexandra Law (Humanities)
Women's Committee: Sara Beer (Sociology)
Continuing Education Teachers' Representative: Manuel Toharia Zapata (Physics)
Conseil Central de Montreal: Michael Duckett (History)
Non-Permanent Teachers' Representative: Ben Lander (History)

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CONSTITUENCIES

Arts Technologies Representative	Kimberley Barfuss (Professional Theatre)
Engineering Technologies Representative	Silja Makinen (Chemical Technology)
Medical Technologies Representative	Rebecca Dyck / Debora Van Wyck (Nursing)
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Careers Sector - all disciplines	Patricia Murphy (Social Service)
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CALL / Social Science Representative	David Michel (Cinema/Comm)
English Representative	Paul Hawkins
French Representative	Louise Levac / Lucie Gagnon
Humanities Representative	Gabriel Tordjman
Physical Education Representative	Joanna Farmer
Science - Mathematics Representative	James Requeima / Olga Veres
Science - Non-Mathematics Representative	Maria Dikeakos (Physics)
Social Science Representative	David Olesik / Ahmad Banki (Economics)
Social Science Representative	Maryann Farkas (History)

