

April 26, 2017

Dr. Gary Kachanoski
President
Memorial University of Newfoundland

Dear Dr. Kachanoski,

The Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences announced on April 25, 2017 that certain departments in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences will be asked to vote by secret ballot on whether they agree in principle to amalgamate with one or more specified departments, with voting is to be held between May 2 and May 9. This time frame gives departments very little time for any internal or interdepartmental discussions they may need to decide whether they are amenable to amalgamation. In some cases, these dates conflict with board meetings and professional society meetings being held out of town, exacerbating the issue for those departments.

In order to allow departments enough time to gather the information they need, we respectfully request that no voting be requested of departments prior to May 19, 2017 to allow proper deliberation on such an important and sensitive matter.

Sincerely,



Dr. Robin Whitaker
Acting President, MUNFA
(on behalf of B. Kavanagh, President)

Cc: Dr. N. Golfman, Provost & Vice-President (Academic)
Dr. L. Phillips, Dean, Humanities & Social Sciences