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## Examination Proctoring: Should you do it?

Several members of the CUASA Council have asked for guidance on the contractual propriety of the suggestion that they be in attendance throughout any regularly scheduled examinations that they have arranged. The suggestions have been made orally by chairmen, acting in accordance with memos from their appropriate Deans, or directly in a memorandum from their Dean. It is likely that this issue has raised doubts for many bargaining unit members.

The critical points seem to be twofold. First, it has not been made clear whether or not all that is involved is being in attendance to answer questions, to handle difficulties associated with the examination itself, or are you being asked to act as a proctor?

Second, it has not been made clear by one Dean that the action requested is entirely voluntary, creates no precedent for future examinations, and entails no opprobrium if you refuse.

I spoke to the Vice-President Academic today (March 23rd) seeking clarification. It seems that the object is to reduce the cost of examinations by asking that the contractual requirement (Article 15.2(i)) for attendance be voluntarily lengthened to include the whole of the examination period; and that the attending instructors act as proctors. It is quite clear that volunteers are being sought.

I suggest that there is nothing improper about the request, although it could have been better worded, and would more diplomatically have been raised first with CUASA, even if only as a courtesy. If you have any misgivings, for whatever reason, about proctoring your own examinations, simply do not volunteer. But please note that the minimal contractual requirement of attendance will still be in force.



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