



Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations  
Union des associations des professeurs des universités de l'Ontario

## **The Erosion of Collegial Governance: Reclaiming Lost Ground**

### **An OCUFA University Governance Workshop**

*Friday, May 6, 2022,*

*9 a.m. to 3 p.m.*

[Register Here](#)

Collegial governance has been increasingly under attack at Ontario universities. Faculty associations across the province have raised alarm over how universities are being governed. Top-down management from corporatized Boards and Administrations, erosion of transparency and accountability, and silencing and sidelining of faculty, staff, and student voices are among common concerns across the sector. The Laurentian University Crisis; the high-profile controversies around multiple presidential appointments; cases of muzzling of members of Boards; university administrations' chaotic and top-down response to the COVID-19 pandemic are only a few signs of how a shift in the way universities are governed is generating disastrous results. It is incumbent upon faculty and their associations to take the lead in protecting the foundational principle of shared governance and reclaiming lost ground.

This OCUFA University Governance Workshop will be a hands-on, training-focused event that aims to support faculty associations and faculty representatives on governing bodies in their advocacy and activism around shared governance and equip them with the tools they need to be more effective. The Workshop goals are as follows:

- a. To provide the attendees with training on strategies and tactics for playing an effective role in governance spaces;
- b. To provide individuals involved in university governance with a forum for discussion of university governance issues);
- c. To provide a space for strategizing at the provincial level, given the significant overlaps and similarities among the issues faced on different campuses.

### **The Audience**

The workshop audience includes current or prospective members of faculty association leaderships, individual faculty members who sit on governance bodies (Board of Governors,

Senate, faculty council, etc.), as well as faculty members who are advocates for or are interested in governance issues.

## **Registration**

There is no registration fee. The registration deadline for the workshop is **April 29, 2022**.

You can register for the event [here](#) or by visiting the OCUFA website –[www.ocufa.on.ca](http://www.ocufa.on.ca) – and following the “Governance Committee Workshop” link in the “Events Calendar.” The workshop will be held virtually via Zoom.

