



MRU, the law and you: The often confusing legislation that governs post-secondary employment in Alberta

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"What does all this mean for you? Quite simply, if you are unsure of your employment rights under the law, you are not alone. The laws are many, they are confusing, and they can appear contradictory at times."

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New workplace safety laws expand the definition of what it means to be safe at work

Kirk Niergarth

The OHSA now requires employers as far as is "reasonably practicable" to provide a work site where employees are aware of "existing and potential hazards" including "harassment [and] violence" alongside physical hazards.

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University performance-based funding is bound to fail

Marc Spooner: University Affairs

"...performance-based funding models lead to a narrowing of scholarship, of what is possible, both in teaching and research, and inevitably harm society by robbing it of opportunities for risky, yet innovative breakthroughs, as well as valuable areas of research and training that cannot easily be measured by a simple financial calculus."

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Unintended consequences and the change to Alberta post-secondary funding

Drew Anderson: CBC

"...there are unintended consequences whenever a government decides post-secondary performance is something that can be distilled on a spreadsheet, or that the value of a university education is in its contribution to the workforce, to the future earnings of its grads."

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CAFA's Consultation Submission: Outcome Based Funding Model

CAFA's letter to the minister of advanced education

The Confederation of Alberta Faculty Associations

"One academic observer noted that "rather than incentivizing improvement, performance indicators are used as a justification to reduce a budget without taking time to understand why that department [or institution] is underperforming."

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Health experts recommend standing up at desk, leaving office, never returning

The Onion

"...People tend to become more productive, motivated, and happy almost immediately. We found that you can also really get the blood flowing by pairing this activity with hurling your staff ID across the parking lot."

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Did you know, Alberta's Occupational Health and Safety Act now refers to psychological hazards, including bullying and harassment? Take our anonymous survey: how concerned are you about your physical and psychological wellbeing at work?

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Not concerned

Highly concerned

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