

An open letter to President of the University of Calgary, Dr. Edward McCauley

Dear Sir,

The province of Alberta recently passed Bill 1, The Alberta Sovereignty with a United Canada Act. This piece of legislation is hereby recognized as possibly hateful and racist towards Indigenous People. The Treaty 6 Nation has sued the Alberta government over this act, calling it a “violation of our treaties” and “contrary to Canada's constitution.” Calgary, the University of Calgary, is located on treaty 7 land, and is surrounded by several First Nation communities.

What is your view on the Alberta Sovereignty Act and how does your view impact your decision to uphold the efforts of reconciliation within the University of Calgary?

Are you aware of a colonial “old stock” racist, Barry Cooper, teaching at the University of Calgary?

Are you aware that there may be other professors who support the Alberta Sovereignty Act and may be actively propagating this hateful piece of legislation at your institution of higher learning?

What do you propose the University of Calgary can do, if anything, that may mitigate the harm that is being done by professors such as Barry Cooper?

Sincerely,

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