MAUT Welcomes the Swift Rally to Bring the Truth to Light in the Weinstock Affair

Service to society is an important element of the mission of a university professor, which Professor Daniel Weinstock embraced when he accepted to give a keynote address in a public forum on Quebec’s Ethics, Culture and Religion (ECR) study program.

The McGill Association of University Teachers (MAUT) is concerned about the disregard for Professor Weinstock’s academic integrity following the Minister of Education’s decision to revoke his invitation at the public forum following the publication of a column by Richard Martineau in “Le Journal de Montreal” that falsely attributed to Professor Weinstock controversial views that he has never adopted and openly opposed.

MAUT welcomed the quick and effective response of many colleagues, media outlets, universities and associations, who swiftly rallied to bring the truth to light. We thank Minister Roberge for his public apology.

MAUT believes that a similar public apology by Richard Martineau is now due, following his own admission of the inaccuracy of his column. MAUT considers it useful to recall the importance of journalistic rigor and respect for the academic integrity of the teaching and research staff of our universities. Such fundamental principles ensure that public debate is healthy and supported by verified and credible facts, and not on misinformation.

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