

December 2, 2021

Dear President McLatchy, VP Academic Vannelli, and VP Equity Walker,

This morning via an email from Dr. Vannelli, our university community was notified that starting today “there will be a portion of students officially deregistered from their in-person winter courses for not uploading proof of vaccination or having a valid exemption.”

We were told by Dr. Vannelli that banning these students from campus and derailing their degrees was justified because “the mandate was developed in consultation with health professionals and aligns with our priority of keeping students, staff, and faculty as safe as possible throughout the pandemic.”

This justification is flawed and, in its omission of pertinent facts, misleading. On behalf of the hundreds of students being harmed—emotionally, financially, and educationally—I am asking that you please reverse your decision.

The reasons to reverse course—even in this last hour—are backed by strong moral and empirical arguments. For the sake of our students—all of our students—please be open-minded.

As you can see, I have CC’d various media outlets on this letter. I am hoping they too will read my arguments with an open-mind and, out of compassion for the students and respect for the evidence, advocate for this very vulnerable, powerless group of Canadians.

First it must be acknowledged that Laurier, like other universities, was not obligated to take its current course of action. A far more compassionate choice—a choice that would have honoured our institution’s commitment to diversity, inclusion and equity—was available but rejected.

Ontario’s own Chief Medical Officer of Health in his [guidance](#) issued to the province’s universities expressly stated that post-secondary institutions **did not** have to remove from campus or programs students who refused to disclose their vaccination status. The directive states (see Sections 1c and 4a &b) universities can allow dissenting students to “submit to regular antigen point of care testing for COVID-19 and demonstrate a negative result, at intervals to be determined by the Covered Organization.”

Shockingly, beyond choosing the “mandate or else” option, Laurier has gone beyond the requirements of the mandate to punish those students who will not comply. Students have been reporting to me that certain online course that were available for Winter semester have suddenly been removed. These courses would have allowed them to continue in their programs from off-campus.

**The strongest argument against your deregistering of non-compliant students is rooted in clear and compelling empirical evidence—scientific evidence.** Dr. Vannelli and President McLatchy, you are accomplished scientific researchers. I appeal to you as scientists to consider this evidence.

Dr. Vannelli, in your message to the Laurier community you state that the deregistration of students not complying with the mandate is justified because it makes our campus more safe from Covid-19 transmission. This is not scientifically valid. A growing body of credible research published in the world’s top medical journals in just the last few months shows that the vaccinated and unvaccinated catch and spread the new variants of the Covid-19 virus —the now dominant variants—in equal, or near equal, measure.

At the end of this letter, I list some of those recent studies (from the *British Medical Journal*, *The Lancet*, and *New England Journal of Medicine* among others). Please read their findings, they fully support what I'm saying.

Admittedly, I am not an expert in immunology, pathobiology, epidemiology or any other related field. However, in my effort to get the truth on these matters I have consulted with some of the top experts in Canada and elsewhere. They concur that my assessment is correct. I would be happy to arrange for any of you to discuss this matter with these experts yourself.

One of my contacts is Dr. Bonnie Mallard. For about 30 years Dr. Mallard has been a professor of immunogenetics and pathobiology at the University of Guelph. Her area of expertise is genetic regulation of the immune system and implications to disease resistance. For her research in the area, she won the Governor General's Innovation Award. She would be able to walk you through the data proving the mandates are not scientifically valid. Please allow her the opportunity.

In a rare statement of clarity, Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health, Kieran Moore, expressly stated in a recent public health memo (shared on social media by Toronto City Councillor Kristyn Wong Tam) that those who are vaccinated can still get COVID-19 and can still transmit it to others just as easily as those who are unvaccinated. This same admission was made by the CDC in the US, though not publicly; the [document](#), which was an internal memo, was leaked to the press.

Just as the research is showing the vaccine mandates are not keeping students from harm (and are thus scientifically invalid), a growing mountain of scientific evidence shows that the vaccines themselves are doing significant physical harm to young people and, in particular, young, university-aged men.

The prima facie evidence that physical harm is occurring to young people can be seen in the banning of the Moderna vaccine for youth by governments around the world. Let us keep in mind, **this is the third vaccine to be approved as safe, and then banned** completely or partially. Even Ontario's government, via the Chief Medical Officer, [ordered a "pause"](#) of the Moderna vaccine for young men—tacitly admitting it is doing harm.

Apart from this prima facie evidence, again, at the end of this letter, I list several recent studies showing that the Covid vaccines are directly linked to significant increase in negative cardiac events, especially in youth. I would note that in some of the studies listed the Pfizer vaccine, which is most heavily used in the vaccination of Canadian youth, is shown to be equally harmful as others. Related to harm, epidemiologist Dr. Tracey Hoeg, at the University of California has [published research data](#) showing that among university age youth and younger the risk of harm from the vaccine is greater than the risk of the Covid-19 disease. Others have as well.

In enforcing the vaccine mandate and forbidding an option for testing, Laurier administration is using coercion, forcing students to choose between their health or their education. I am personally aware of some Laurier students who have experienced Covid-19 vaccine injuries, one leading to hospitalization. The young man hospitalized was forced into his decision by the mandate imposed by Laurier's administration.

Another of my contacts with whom I can put you in touch is Dr. Donald Welsh. Dr. Welsh is Chair in Molecular Neuroscience and Vascular Biology, at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Western University. Given his expertise in the vascular system, his grasp of the research related to the negative

cardiac events spawned by the Covid-19 vaccines is excellent; he could walk you through the published data.

These studies that I am citing are not fringe publications. The experts who agree with my assessment—and, again, there are many I am happy to introduce you to—are world-class researchers. Even if you disagree with my assessment and the corroborating assessment of my expert colleagues, you must agree that there is enough empirical proof supporting our claims to allow that our position is scientifically and ethically credible and should be respected.

Students who have not complied with the vaccine mandate are citing these same, credible academic studies that my academic colleagues and I are citing. Our administration including our Equity Office has ignored them. These students have done exactly what we want university students to do: be independent thinkers; look beyond the groupthink and seek out the best evidence.

These students should not be punished for being independent thinkers. Their position is ethically and scientifically supported. I have shown that. Give them the option for testing that the Chief Medical Officer allows you to do.

If our administration does not reverse course the message to our students is clear: at Laurier there is but one acceptable way of thinking, evidence and reasoned arguments that contradict that one position will be punished.

(See studies below.)

Sincerely,

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1) Select research studies showing that the vaccinated and unvaccinated catch and spread the Covid-19 virus in equal or near equal measure. Thus, vaccine mandates do not stop the spread and are, in fact, refuted by “the science.”

- <https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2021.09.28.21264260v2>
- [https://www.thelancet.com/journals/laninf/article/PIIS1473-3099\(21\)00648-4/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/laninf/article/PIIS1473-3099(21)00648-4/fulltext)
- <https://www.bmj.com/content/374/bmj.n2074>
- <https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMc2112981>
- <https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2021.11.12.21265796v1>

2) Select research studies showing that the Covid-19 vaccines are solidly linked to elevated rates of negative cardiac/vascular events; in some cases the vaccines have been proven more harmful to younger people than the virus itself.

- <https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2021.08.30.21262866v1>

- <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S221475002100161X>
- <https://int.artloft.co/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/pdf3-1.pdf>
- [https://www.ahajournals.org/doi/10.1161/circ.144.suppl\\_1.10712](https://www.ahajournals.org/doi/10.1161/circ.144.suppl_1.10712)
- <https://retractionwatch.com/2021/10/25/covid-19-vaccine-myocarditis-paper-to-be-permanently-removed-elsevier/>

(NOTE: this final study showing that the Covid vaccine harms young people passed peer-review BUT was removed WITHOUT REASON by the journal editor)