

Faculty Association

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To: UMFA Bargaining Unit

Re: Want to teach in a different classroom? – Ad Astra and Collective Bargaining

Last spring the Bargaining Team and I visited various departments and spoke to Members about issues they face day to day, including classroom assignments. The team recently shared some of those concerns at the bargaining table.

As we approach the beginning of a new academic year, you have no doubt been given your Fall classroom assignments through Ad Astra. Some of you may be happy with the rooms that you will be teaching in, while others may find yourselves running across campus once again or in a room that does not meet your specific needs.

This is not only frustrating; it's also unnecessary and inefficient.

Now is the time to look at your assigned rooms soon to see if they meet your specific needs (accessibility, technological, pedagogical, etc.). Is your assigned room inadequate? Complete and submit a [Classroom Change Request Form](#) and send it directly to the Registrar's office.

By doing so, you may get moved to a more suitable teaching environment. **Doing so also tells the administration that their system isn't working as intended.**

At the bargaining table we're asking that systems like Ad Astra be improved. This is an opportunity to let the administration know how well the Ad Astra System is working, and to make it work better for you. It also supports our demands and the bargaining table.

Questions or concerns? Feel free to contact me at FAUM@UMFA.ca.

Yours,

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