

During this covid crisis we are also facing another difficult situation at ALL of the Ontario colleges. Faculty, librarians and counsellors had our union contract expire in the fall of 2021. Unfortunately, bargaining reached a stand-still and we are now in the position of a “work to rule” order. What this means is that faculty members will have a limited amount of time for dealing with our students. I want to assure you that I will be bringing you the best I can as your professor, but our time is now going to be limited to contact during specific hours and days of the week.

I can be reached Monday through Friday between the hours of 9 and 5. (Insert your own hours and days here.) Outside of that time, I will not be responding to student emails.

I hope you will appreciate that this is a difficult time for me as an educator because I always want to be available to you and we are hoping for a resolution to this recent labour disruption. In the meantime, if you would like to learn more about this current context, please feel free to reach out to me. Additional information about our efforts to avoid a strike by initiating work to rule may be found at our faculty union website: local350.ca.