

Dear Member,

We realized that we forgot to mention one additional item.

Earlier today, you received a note from AVP Academic Cate Dewey that discussed assignments that were due during this week and midterms that were set to take place this week. That communication said that the dates for these items should be moved one week later.

The UGFA has verified with the Administration that the intent of that communication was to say that no assessments should be due or take place this week. This week is a “down” week for both instructors and students.

Instructors should look at the remainder of their course, including items that were set for this “down” week, and make decisions on how their course will finish. The assignment might be due in any later week, or maybe it will change into a different assignment, or maybe it will disappear. A similar statement could be made for the midterm. Instructors may choose to add an additional assessment, perhaps also eliminating their remaining midterm or final exam.

We repeat: you are better equipped than anyone to decide how your course will end, and you are empowered to make that decision.

Additionally, the Administration has informed us that they are still discussing whether Veterinarians will be able to work from home. If you are a Veterinarian concerned about your health and safety during this crisis, we encourage you to approach the appropriate administrator and request to work from home. We expect that the administrator will give a compassionate response. If that is not your experience, please contact the UGFA office at [facassoc@uoguelph.ca](mailto:facassoc@uoguelph.ca)

Thanks,

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