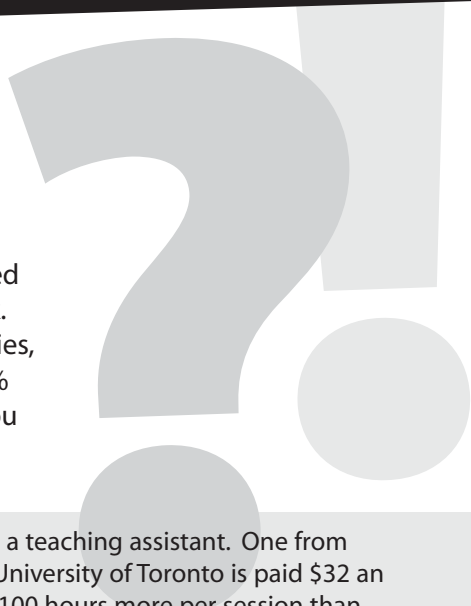


UBC LEADERS FAIL SIMPLE MATH TEST

$$2 + 2 = 5$$



UBC leaders must be turning beetroot red after failing a simple math test this week. UBC's top managers earn six-figure salaries, and the President has just enjoyed a 63% increase to \$350,000 a year. But see if you can beat them on simple arithmetic...

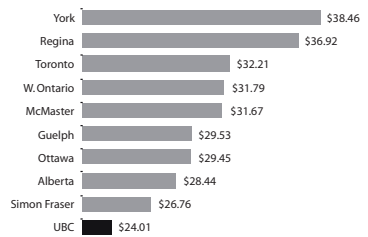
Question 1: Two people do the same job as a teaching assistant. One from UBC is paid \$24 an hour. The other from the University of Toronto is paid \$32 an hour. However, the first one also has to work 100 hours more per session than the second. WHO IS PAID MORE?

UBC's Answer: The \$24-an-hour guy at UBC is better paid. This is because he works so many more hours, that in the end he overtakes the \$32-an-hour guy at U. of Toronto.

**MARK
WRONG**

UBC tried to claim this week that its Graduate Teaching Assistants are the third highest paid in the country. In fact, UBC's own Teaching Assistants are the worst paid of all the universities listed in UBC's report. It's just that they are required to work much longer hours.

Teaching assistant top rates of pay (hourly)



Question 2: Your boss offers you a raise of 2%. You ask for more, so s/he offers you 4% over 2 years instead. Is this a better offer?

UBC's Answer: Yes, of course. You're getting twice as much

**MARK
DOH!**

UBC's advertisement tried to compare a 7% settlement over 3 years, with a 2.2% settlement over 1 year, so they could claim that 7% is supremely generous. Actually, it's 2.3% per year – pretty much the rate of inflation.

Question 3: Your stated aim is to become a world-class university. Top universities in the U.S.A do not charge tuition fees to their teaching assistants. What policy do you adopt on graduate tuition?

UBC's Answer: You increase graduate tuition nearly 50% in two years. You declare a policy to add on a further 20% increase in 2004.

**MARK
WHAT DO
YOU THINK?**

You see no point in following the U.S. practice. After all, teaching assistants will still have \$5600 a year left of their salaries after they pay. Surely that's enough to attract the best graduates to study in Vancouver?

Is it any wonder UBC's teaching assistants have taken an 87% strike vote?