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- Because the epithet "independent" which is given to external directors is insulting and demeaning towards the directors who come from the cegep or university communities. According to Bills 38 and 44, only businesspeople are reputed independent while students and professors are considered highly suspect. Reality flipped on its head.
- Because universities and cegeps shouldn't subordinate their academic and political foundations to principles of "efficiency and effectiveness" promoted by these Bills. These institutions aren't lucrative businesses; instead hey must play a key role in the development and transmission of knowledge, free from the interferences arising from the interests and logic of the private sector. Bills 38 and 44 will weaken the academic mission of universities and cegeps in order to better tailor them to the needs of the market.
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