

## CKLN COULD BE SILENCED

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Campus radio station CKLN could lose its broadcasting license this December due to a number of complaints.

“It would be a shame that a university that’s well-known for its radio and broadcasting program didn’t have a community campus station around,” said Andrew Leher, vice chair of the CKLN board.



According to the Canadian Radio and Television Council (CRTC), the complaints include ongoing difficulties with the station’s governance structure, day-to-day management and operations, programming and ability to remain on-air.

A Dec. 8 hearing will pick up where a CRTC hearing in May left off, and will consider revoking the station’s broadcasting license.

Among the complaints against CKLN is an unbalanced representation on the station’s boards of directors. The CRTC said in a notice of consultation that student involvement was “minimal.” According to CKLN’s website, 50 of the station’s more than 200 volunteers are Ryerson students or grads.

Leher said most of the conflicts with the CRTC are from two years ago. The station went off air for six months in 2009 as a result of internal conflict, he said.

“There was a dark period and we’ll have to discuss that in detail with the CRTC, and answer their questions,” Leher said.

CKLN is funded by a student levy, and some students don’t think the station is worth the student fees they fork over.

“If [CKLN] doesn’t advertise itself to students, is disorganized and doesn’t put stuff on the air all the time then they shouldn’t be around,” said Joseph Lee, a first-year arts and contemporary studies student. “It’s kind of an embarrassment.”

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