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CUPE 2626
 Student workers at the University of Ottawa

Did you know?

* Your department should give you a CUPE 2626 "identification label" (sticker) for your student card if you have a 130-hour contract. This sticker entitles you to additional privileges during the semester for which it is valid!

* Undergraduate members who have already obtained a graduate degree are entitled to receive the graduate rate of pay!

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Meet the Exec!

CUPE 2626's Executive Committee has undergone some membership changes over the past 6 months. If you were unable to make it to the BBQ or GA to meet all of us in person, here we are!



Back, left to right: Éric Mallette (Officer Without Portfolio), Félix Grenier (Chief Steward Francophone), Stanko Krstic (SFRB Rep), Dennis Stark (Chief Steward Anglophone), Behnam Shadravan (Officer Without Portfolio), Jordan Birenbaum (Officer Without Portfolio), Dan Dicaire (President of Assembly). Front, left to right: Maryam Haghghi (VP2), Joanne Dagenais (Workers' Rep), Sarah Lawrance (VP1), Sean Kelly (President). Absent: Lucy Cui (Undergrad Rep). Photo courtesy of Lucy Cui.

How to Get CUPE 2626 Privileges

By Sean Kelly

As a member of CUPE 2626, you are entitled to several privileges. Here's how to take advantage of them!

Weekend Parking Pass: All employees (TAs, RAs, Markers, Proctors, Demonstrators, Lab Monitors and Tutors) can get a university parking pass for weekends and holidays for FREE during the semesters you are employed!
How? Show your CUPE 2626 sticker or contract to Parking Services, at 139 Louis-Pasteur, room 133, and ask for a weekend parking pass. (See article 28.1.6 of your Collective Agreement)

Software License: TAs and RAs can purchase software under the university's Microsoft License. You can get Microsoft Office for less than \$15 with this employee discount, instead of \$95 with the student discount!
How? Show your CUPE 2626 sticker or contract to the University Bookstore (in UCU), and ask for the employee discount. (See article 28.1.4 of your Collective Agreement)

As a member of CUPE 2626, you also might be eligible for:

- Financial Aid Fund
- Conference Fund
- Tuition Support Bursary
- University Dental Plan

If you have any questions or difficulties, be sure to get in touch with us!

Save the Dates!

- * Nominations for the election of the 2010-2011 CUPE 2626 Executive begin in January 2010.
- * Balloting for the elections begins right after Reading Week 2010.
- * Our next General Assembly is on March 10th at 6pm

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Results of the General Assembly

By Sean Kelly & Sarah Lawrance

The GA of November 4th passed a number of bylaw revisions changing the structure of the Executive Board and the election procedure for the five senior Executive positions. The new Executive Board structure is as follows:

Executive Board Position	Linguistic Requirements	
	1st language	2nd language
President	A	B
Vice-President*	A	B
Secretary-Treasurer*	A	B
Chief Steward (French-language)*	A (French)	D (English)
Chief Steward (English-language)*	A (English)	D (French)
Equity Officer**	A	D
Health & Safety Officer**	A	D
Recording Secretary**	A	D
Officer Without Portfolio 1	A	D
Officer Without Portfolio 2	A	D

* denotes a new title for an existing position
 ** denotes a newly-created position

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Other union news...

November 26, 2009

Museum workers reject final offer

GATINEAU— Striking workers from the Museum of Civilization and War Museum voted overwhelmingly to reject a final offer from the Canadian Museum of Civilization Corporation this evening, at a membership meeting in Gatineau. Hundreds attended the meeting, voting to reject the offer by a margin of 96 per cent. [cited from press release]

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The new election process is as follows:

- The five senior positions are: President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and the two Chief Stewards. Elections for these positions will now be done in a multi-week campaign, with a week of ballot voting at the CUPE 2626 office (UCU 303), and additional voting stations in the UniCentre and at Roger-Guindon during two days.

- The five junior positions (Equity Officer, Health & Safety Officer, Recording Secretary, and the two Officers Without Portfolio) will continue to be elected at the winter GA.

Bylaw Revisions Committee

By Jordan Birenbaum

In the wake of our recent GA, there were informal requests by a number of members for a Special GA to exclusively address the issue of the linguistic requirements for elected positions. The Bylaw Revisions Committee (BRC) is making preparations to respond promptly and effectively to any such formal petition from the membership.

In that regard, the BRC will use the power granted to it by the GA to consolidate all of the linguistic requirements for elected positions into a single article in our bylaws so that the issue can be addressed more easily and transparently. Given that bylaw revisions must be announced at least 60 days in advance of a GA, it would not be feasible to hold a Special GA prior to February.

As such, if a petition for a Special GA were received prior to **December 18th**, efforts would be made to organise a Special General Assembly concurrent with our elections for Senior Executive Officers.

In solidarity,

The CUPE 2626
 Executive Committee

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