



Your Union at Work!

CUPE 2626 Election Campaign: Meet your Candidates

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This year, CUPE 2626 supported the following groups, projects & campaigns:

- *Drop Fees campaign
- *Creation of a council of campus unions
- *Museum of Civilization and War Museum strike
- *Campaign to oppose Policy 92
- *Campaign to oppose "Resource Optimization"
- *SFUO's gender-neutral bathroom campaign
- *ACORN's living wage campaign
- *Poor No More film

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It is my pleasure to announce the candidates for the Senior Executive Officer Elections:

- *President: Félix Grenier
- *Vice-President: Katie Lieg
- *Secretary-Treasurer: Maryam Haghighi
- *Chief Steward Anglophone: Dennis Stark
- *Chief Steward Francophone: Stanko Krstic

The campaigning period has now begun. You can find the candidates' profiles and platforms on the CUPE 2626 website at this address: <http://cupe2626.ca/elections/>. You can also meet your candidates during the two remaining CUPE Forums:

- *Feb 23rd, UCU Terminus @ noon
- *Feb 24th, RGN Atrium @ noon

And don't forget to vote! Not only will we have standard polling stations at the locations listed below, we will also have roaming ballot boxes which will be coming directly to your departments to make it easier to cast your votes.

Standard polling stations:

- *CUPE Office (UCU 303), Feb 22nd to Mar 5th, 9am-4:30pm
- *UCU 026, Mar 3rd and 4th, 9am-7pm
- *RGN Atrium, Mar 3rd and 4th, 9am-7pm

Roaming Ballot Boxes:

- *Campus North, Feb 25th
- *Campus South, March 1st
- *Roger Guindon Campus, March 2nd

Get Your Tuition Support Bursary Now!

The Tuition Support Bursary is one way that CUPE 2626 protects its members (you!) against tuition fee increases. According to Article 27.2 of your Collective Agreement, all CUPE 2626 members who meet the established eligibility criteria (indicated directly on the application form) can apply for a tuition support bursary. Simply submit it along with the relevant contract(s) to the union's office by February 26, 2010.

The form can be found on our website. The bursary will be deposited in your Infoweb account 1-2 months later (be patient!), or sent to you as a cheque if you have graduated by then.

Reminder: Resource Optimization Feedback

by Sean Kelly, President

The university's "Resource Optimization" report is available online at the following web address: <http://www.president.uottawa.ca/documents/2010/resource-optimization-report.pdf>. We strongly encourage every one of you to read it, and we would like to direct your attention to Part IV: Optimization Options.

While the deadline for your direct feedback to university president Allan Rock is February 15, CUPE 2626 has secured a meeting with Rock the following week and intends to provide him with a compilation of all your comments, concerns and suggestions in order to properly and positively impact this "consultation period" process. The deadline for feedback submissions to CUPE 2626 is February 20, 2010.

We also support any independently organized efforts to help fight these cuts.

Let's not let this opportunity to voice our concerns pass us by.

Save the Dates!

- ***February 20:** Deadline to provide CUPE 2626 with feedback on the "Resource Optimization Report"
- ***February 22:** Voting for CUPE 2626 elections begins
- ***February 26:** Tuition Support Bursary application deadline
- ***March 10:** Annual General Assembly @ 6pm



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Collective Bargaining 2010: Get Involved!

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*Universal student bus pass campaign

*Campaign to transfer control of the University Centre to the student unions

*CUPE 3906 strike

*Canadian Labour International Film Festival

*Anti-harassment campaign

*Ottawa Humane Society fundraising concert

and many more!

DID YOU KNOW..?

All CUPE 2626 forms & documents can be found on our website under Forms or Official Documents. If you can't find them, just ask and we'll point you in the right direction!

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Many of you are aware that our current Collective Agreement (CA) expires on August 31, 2010. This means we must begin the bargaining process this summer. The goal of this process is to negotiate a new contract (i.e. negotiate modifications to the existing CA). Before negotiations begin, however, there is much pre-bargaining work to do!

The Pre-Bargaining Committee has been working hard to prepare, but we still need our members (you!) to volunteer their time to help us. Training will be provided, so anyone who is interested can participate regardless of previous experience.

Many of you are also aware that our Annual General Assembly (AGA) of March 10, 2010, will be an important one—possibly the most important in your time as members of this local. What is unique about the upcoming AGA is that we will be electing our Bargaining Committee—the team that will prepare our proposals and negotiate for a better CA throughout the summer and fall (Bargaining Committee work is paid by honorarium—see Article 14.3 in our Bylaws for more information.)

Having a well-trained Bargaining Committee, as well as well-trained Bargaining Committee members, is crucial to negotiating a better Collective Agreement. As such, being part of the Pre-Bargaining Committee would clearly give you an advantage as a candidate for election to the Bargaining Committee. If interested in participating, please contact us right away!

Annual General Assembly

Our next Annual General Assembly (AGA) is fast approaching, so be sure to save the date! March 10, 2010 @ 6pm in the Alumni Auditorium of the UCU. A light meal will be served at 5:30pm.

AGA agenda highlights:

- *Bargaining Committee elections
- *Junior Executive elections
- *Other elections: President of Assembly, Trustees, and Member in Good Standing
- *Bargaining mandate
- *2010-2011 budget approval
- *Executive honoraria

See "Positions" at the following webpage to learn more about the various CUPE 2626 positions up for election, as well as the nomination process: <http://cupe2626.ca/elections/>

We firmly believe that labour unions such as ours are working to make the world a better place for workers and, ultimately, for everyone. We urge you to play an active role in determining the future of your union by attending and participating in the Annual General Assembly on March 10th.

Health & Safety Concerns

Did you know that CUPE 2626 has representatives on all Health & Safety Committees at the University of Ottawa? If you have any questions or concerns about your health and safety at work (ex: feel unsafe, harassed, or need to report malfunctioning equipment), we can help! If you choose to report anything on your own, be sure to keep us informed so that we can make sure your complaint is addressed.

In solidarity,

The CUPE 2626 Executive Board

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