

November 4, 2016

News from the Line: Strike Day 4 Update

Dear Colleagues,

The big news from today was our lunchtime rally with what the Winnipeg *Free Press* accurately described as an “enormous, ebullient crowd” of UMFA members and supporters. Supporters gathered in front of the Frank Kennedy Building and marched to the Administration Building – when the first marchers reached the Admin steps, the last ones were still at the starting point. It was an awesome sight. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Subscribe to the [University of Manitoba Faculty Association YouTube channel](#) for videos of the rally and other strike activities. We will continue to update it over the weekend.

There was no conciliation scheduled today. We hope and expect to receive some new proposals from the Administration over the weekend. For now, the best way to support our bargaining team and help them get us a fair deal is to join the picket lines!

Every day, more and more UMFA members are joining us. By 10:00 this morning alone, half a dozen new strikers had walked in to HQ, and joined the picket lines. Our lines are stronger every day. And the public response to our leaflets has been very powerful.

Members who do two hours of strike duty daily receive strike benefits. Members who do picket duty every weekday also receive strike benefits for the weekends. And strike benefits are tax-exempt by law. Even if you already told administration you would continue working, it is not too late to join us, and it's easy to do: fill in this [form](#) and send it to your Dean. Contact our Vice President, Janet Morrill, if you have questions: morrilljanet@gmail.com.

Picketing will resume Monday at 7 am. Please report to your usual shift. Even if we have not reached a settlement by end of next week, there will be no picketing Friday November 11 out of respect for Remembrance Day.

In Solidarity,

Mark Hudson

