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Bill 33 Committee hearings

On April 13, UMFA members and other members of the public spoke out against Bill 33 (The Advanced Education Administration Amendment Act) at the to the Legislative Committee Hearings. For a full transcript of the hearings, please click [here](#). To view a recording of the hearings, please click [here](#).

PCs in bargaining: Unlawful yet again!

The Manitoba Government and General Employees' Union (MGEU) recently announced that the Court of Appeal has confirmed that the union had a right to have an interest arbitration board appointed to determine the terms and conditions of the next Civil Service collective agreement.

In summer 2019, MGEU's Civil Service Bargaining Committee exercised its right under *The Civil Service Act* to file for arbitration. However, instead of following the *Act*, the Minister refused to proceed with the arbitration process, claiming that he had discretion not to, and that the union's request was premature. For full details, read the MGEU statement and the full decision from the Court of Appeal [here](#).

New member luncheon – RSVP!

Did you start working at the UM after December 2019? If so, an email invitation for a new member luncheon has been sent your way. Hosted by President Michael Shaw, this event will take place in early May and is an opportunity to meet some of your colleagues, learn a few things about the UMFA Collective Agreement, ask questions about your employment and work life at UM, and just shoot the breeze!

RSVP to umfa-communications@umfa.ca.

Call for Nominations for CAUT awards

The Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) is now accepting nominations for the following awards with deadlines of June 1:

- **The Sarah Shorten Award** recognizes outstanding achievements in the promotion of the advancement of women in Canadian universities and colleges. The nomination form and procedures are available on the [CAUT website](#).
 - **The CAUT Academic Librarians' and Archivists' Distinguished Service Award** recognizes outstanding contributions by academic librarians and archivists, other academic staff, or groups to the advancement of the status and/or working conditions of academic librarians and archivists at Canadian universities and colleges. The nomination form and procedures are also on the [CAUT website](#).
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2020-2021 University of Manitoba Employees Scholarship

The University of Manitoba Employees Scholarship (UMES) is a scholarship that is available to the spouse or dependent children of University of Manitoba employees or retired former employees.

The deadline to submit the application is May 31, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. Applications for the scholarship may be found online on the University of Manitoba's Financial Aid and Awards website, under the section "[Awards and Scholarships: Employees scholarship](#)".

The 2020-2021 competition is based on course work completed between May 1, 2020 and April 30, 2021.

Mark your calendars: UMFA AGM is May 18

The UMFA Annual General Meeting will take place on **Tuesday, May 18 at 2:00 p.m.** via Zoom. This meeting is open to all members the UMFA bargaining unit, but only those who are regular members (those who have signed a blue card) will be able to make or vote on motions. If you're not sure if you've signed a blue card, please contact faum@umfa.ca. Members will hear reports on committee work, the annual financial report, and presentation of the budget. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.

If you have information or an event that you'd like to share in an upcoming issue, please email the item to umfa-communications@umfa.ca for consideration.