

University of Manitoba Faculty Association presents final offer to university administration
Strike set to begin Tuesday, November 2nd

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Winnipeg- Despite a week of negotiation with a third-party mediator, the university administration is still refusing to offer a reasonable contract to members of the University of Manitoba Faculty Association (UMFA). The union, which represents 1,260 professors, instructors and librarians, and the university administration remain far apart on the core issues. UMFA has tabled a final offer to avoid a strike and there is still time for the administration to accept this offer on Monday before UMFA begins job action on Tuesday, November 2nd.

“We wanted to provide the administration with the opportunity to reach an agreement to prevent a strike, so that students can complete their term without interruption,” said UMFA President Orvie Dingwall. “We’ve presented a reasonable offer on behalf of our members that we hope the administration will accept because it can avert a strike.”

While UMFA’s job action is set to begin on Tuesday, November 2nd, there is still time for the administration to accept UMFA’s final offer, which would avert a strike. UMFA is pleased to have the support of the University of Manitoba Students Union (UMSU) and several student groups on campus as UMFA members fight for a fair deal for both students and faculty.

“The administration is able to accept our offer which would prevent another strike at our University,” said Dingwall. “We hope that the administration can think about the needs of students and their families, and know that they as administrators can avert a strike.”

Should the university administration reject UMFA’s final offer, picket lines and strike action are scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 2nd. More information will be made available to UMFA members, students and supporters in the coming days. UMFA represents over 1,260 professors, instructors and librarians at the University of Manitoba.

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