

UMFA Bargaining Update - November 11, 2016

Dear Colleagues,

Bargaining resumed yesterday afternoon, with the teams discussing a number of issues. There was no bargaining today, but we are scheduled to meet face-to-face with the Administration again tomorrow. I will keep in touch throughout the weekend with bargaining updates as new information becomes available. For now, our bargaining team has asked me to pass along to you how absolutely crucial your continued support is to their efforts to secure a fair deal for UMFA members. The best way to move quickly toward a fair resolution to the strike is to stand firmly behind our team.

Along those lines, I am thrilled to report that last night the University of Manitoba Students Union (UMSU) passed a motion confirming "UMSU supports UMFA on the demands related to; workload protections, job security, childcare, and salary."

UMSU is the largest students' association in Manitoba, with over 21,000 undergraduate members. In addition to UMSU, we now have received formal endorsements from the Arts, Sciences, Medical, and Dental students' associations, among many others. I know that the decision to strike was an agonizing one, in large part because of our commitment to our students. It is humbling to receive such strong support from our students in our fight to improve working and learning conditions at UM.

In solidarity,

Mark Hudson