Hi everyone,

Welcome back! We hope you had a restful holiday and we wish you all the best in 2018!

Below you’ll find relevant news items and UMFA related information that we hope you’ll find helpful. 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.

Knowing and Using Your Collective Agreement was developed to bring clarity to some of the more confusing aspects of the CA. Each section of Knowing and Using Your Collective Agreement lays out the groundwork and the practical takeaways that are important for Members to understand so they can continue to maintain the principles that we’ve fought for through collective bargaining and strike action.

When in doubt, however, the language in the CA takes precedence over the descriptions included here. If you have questions or concerns, contact the
Current articles:

* Section 19.B.1.8 (meetings concerning discipline or investigations) **A must read!**

**Article 10: Retirement and Reduced Appointments**

**Article 18: Hiring of Members**

**Articles 19 and 20: Tenure and Promotion Recommendation Information for Recent Applicants**

**Workload Provisions**

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Librarians & Libraries on Campus

Throughout the months of January and February, we'll be taking some time to de-mystify the role of academic librarians on campus. Librarians play a crucial role in making the UofM function on a day-to-day basis.

We'll be talking about some of these tasks and roles throughout the next couple months and looking at how librarians and libraries are essential to the functioning of post-secondary education.

Watch your email and www.umfa.ca for updates!
Solidarity Committee Call for Volunteers

UMFA is establishing a Solidarity Committee to support other labour and union activities in Manitoba and across Canada.

Members of the committee are required to commit to attending at least one event per year.

Committee activities involve:

- joining picket lines and marches in solidarity with other unions
- organizing goodwill gestures such as providing cookies or coffee at events
- being part of the larger labour movement across Manitoba and Canada

To be added to the email list of events that the Solidarity Committee will attend throughout the year, click here.
Fundamental Science Review Presentation Report

Dr. David Naylor, Chair of the Advisory Panel for the Review of Federal Support for Fundamental Science, was in Winnipeg at the Fort Garry Hotel on December 6, 2017 to deliver a public presentation on the Fundamental Science Review and its recommendations.

Read more about the event and his recommendations below.
OPSEU and College Employer Settlement

Click here to read the full award issued by arbitrator William Kaplan on December 20, 2017 to settle the terms of the new collective agreement between faculty and the colleges.

ANSUT urges Quebec’s National Assembly to reject bill regarding changes to the Charter of the Université de Montréal

The Association of Nova Scotia University Teachers (ANSUT) is calling upon the National Assembly of Quebec to vote against a new private member’s bill that would introduce dramatic changes to the Charter of the Université de Montréal (UdeM).

ANSUT president Scott Stewart fears the bill, promoted as a way to “modernize” the Charter, will enable the administration of UdeM to acquire additional control of the university and to make it a more corporate entity.
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