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Reach out to your colleagues, reach out to us! – COVID-19 UPDATE

In these challenging times of social distancing and working from home, many of us will start to feel socially isolated. We want to take this opportunity to remind you that even though the UMFA office is closed, staff are still working and reachable. The main phone line (x8272) is still being monitored, as is email. Please use the general email address to initiate contact: faum@umfa.ca.

The UMFA Board of Representatives will be contacting you to check in and to see if you have any concerns. Please do let them know of anything that has come up. If possible, reach out to your colleagues too and encourage them to reach out to us. It is only when we hear from you that we can effectively respond to rising issues and deal with them with the Administration.

The main page of the UMFA website contains a COVID-19 section, which includes a message from UMFA President Janet Morrill, links to two letters UMFA has sent to the Administration, and a link to updates on the UM's website from the Administration.

Please keep your questions, comments, and concerns coming our way. Keeping communication two-way is important! And lastly, but certainly not least, please continue to be safe!

Contact the UMFA office: 474.8272 or FAUM@umfa.ca.

UMFA Board of Representatives – elections to begin soon!

Does your area have a Board Representative? The most recent list of Representatives is available [here](#). If your area does not have a Rep, consider becoming one yourself, or ask a colleague if you can nominate them for the role. Being a rep counts toward the service component. Full details about the role of a Board Rep can be found [here](#). Watch your inboxes for more info soon.

Proposed Imposition of Data-Sharing Agreements

On April 1st the VP Research announced a change research policy: the University will begin to expect researchers to sign data sharing agreements when releasing research data to parties outside the University. We've heard from many Members that this is a problem in many different ways.

So, today we reminded the University of their duty to consult with the Association on any change in policy that will affect your duties and right to perform research (See section [4.4.1 of the CA, available here](#)) and asked the policy be retracted, information be shared with the Association, and that we be given a chance to formally respond to the proposed changes. We will share with you any developments related to this matter.

In the meantime, let us know your concerns: FAUM@UMFA.ca.

2019-2020 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.

Applications for the University of Manitoba Employees Scholarship are now available and the deadline to submit the application is May 31, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. Applications for the scholarship may be found [here](#).

The 2019-2020 competition is based on course work completed between May 1, 2019 and April 30, 2020.

Labour and education in the news

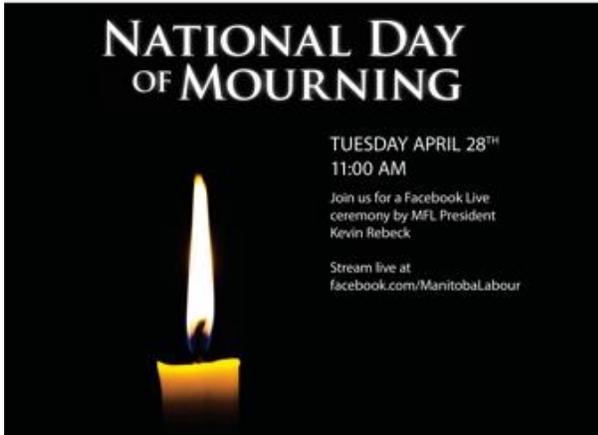
The pandemic continues to make headlines and touch every aspect of our lives. What are unions doing on behalf of their members? What are the different provincial governments doing with respect to education, employee safety, and support? How is the pandemic changing the way organized labour fights to protect member rights? What are other universities doing now?

Check [Labour and Education in the News](#) every weekday to view the latest headlines.

National Day of Mourning Virtual Ceremony

This year's National Day of Mourning ceremony will be held via a Facebook Live event.

Please tune into facebook.com/ManitobaLabour at 11:00 am on Tuesday, April 28 for the virtual ceremony. Mourn the Dead. Fight for the Living.



Bargaining survey now closed – thank you for your participation!

The bargaining survey closed on March 28 – one month after it was first sent. Thank you to everyone who took the time to provide their valuable feedback, especially during the recent challenges. The results are now being compiled and will be presented to the Collective Agreement Committee (CAC) in the near future. We will keep you updated on how the process will unfold.

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.

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