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SOON: Bargaining Survey

The much anticipated 2020 bargaining survey will be sent to members by the week of March 2. You will receive an email with a personalized link. Please take a few minutes to do the survey as soon as possible -- it should only take about 10-15 minutes to complete.

The results of this survey will be used by the Collective Agreement Committee to draft bargaining proposals, which will be presented to you for consideration at a Special General Meeting this spring. *Having feedback from everyone is critical to being able to represent faculty effectively in collective bargaining.*

The survey will remain open until mid-March.

How to organize a Constituency meeting

A number of Constituencies have held meetings during the month of February, and there's still plenty of time to set one up in your area. How? If your area has a [Board rep](#), contact them and ask them to set one up. If your area doesn't have a rep, don't worry! We can help. Call the office at 474-8272 or email faum@umfa.ca and we'll get you started! AND if your area does not have a rep, consider becoming one yourself! We can help with that too.

Show your solidarity with Ontario education workers

The four major teachers' unions in Ontario are conducting rotating strikes and work slowdowns as they oppose cuts to the province's publicly funded education system, along with wage-cap legislation imposed by the Ford government on all public sector workers.

Show your solidarity with Ontario's education workers. Send a [letter](#) to Ontario Premier Doug Ford to tell him that his government's cuts will undermine the quality of public education.

REMINDER: Benefit year ends March 31

A reminder that all Healthcare Spending Account claims MUST BE INCURRED by March 31. Check your Health Care Spending Allowance account at [Great West Life](#) to make sure you have used up your entire \$825 balance.

Call for awards nominations

Award nominations are now open!

Nominate someone for the [Roy Vogt Memorial Award for Exceptionally Meritorious Service](#), [Paul Fortier Prize for Student Activism](#) and the [CAUT Dedicated Service Award](#). The deadline for nominations is **Friday, March 6, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.**

Click the links for more details.

CCPA alternative provincial budget coming soon

The Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives - Manitoba is partnering with seven academics and 21 community groups to create the APB. The Alternative Provincial Budget will create a community vision for Manitoba that reflects community priorities and needs and offer progressive alternatives based on research and evidence to provincial revenue and spending. Lynne Fernandez, the Errol Black Chair in Labour Issues, is the editor of the APB. The APB report will be released (tentatively) Monday March 2, 2020 at a press conference 10:30 am 185 Young St. (Broadway Neighbourhood Centre) – all welcome.

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.