

#### November 2, 2017

Hi everyone,

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 <a href="mailto:umfa-communications@umfa.ca">umfa-communications@umfa.ca</a> for consideration.

# MEETINGS & EVENTS





Come out for food, drinks, and music.

See you there!

Please RSVP to FAUM@UMFA.CA.

**Meetings 2017 - 2018** 

|                    | EXECUTIVE COUNCIL<br>MEETINGS                  | BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES<br>MEETINGS                             |
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| 2017-2018 MEETINGS | Thursday, November 2, 2017<br>11:30am - 1:30pm | Wednesday, October 11, 2017<br>4:00pm                            |
|                    | Friday, December 8, 2017<br>12:30pm - 2:30pm   | Thursday, November 9, 2017<br>4:00pm                             |
|                    | Thursday, January 11, 2018<br>11:30am - 1:30pm | Wednesday, December 13, 2017<br>4:00pm                           |
|                    | Friday, February 9, 2018<br>12:30pm - 2:30pm   | Thursday, January 18, 2018<br>4:00pm                             |
|                    | Thursday, March 15, 2018<br>11:30am - 1:30pm   | Wednesday, February 14, 2018<br>4:00pm                           |
|                    | Friday, April 13, 2018<br>12:30pm - 2:30pm     | Thursday, March 22, 2018<br>4:00pm                               |
| Ö                  |  | Wednesday, April 18, 2018<br>4:00pm                              |
|                    |  | *All meetings are in the UMFA Boardroom unless otherwise stated. |
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Find a current list of meeting dates here.

# KNOW YOUR CA

#### **Article 19.B.1.8**

This little section of the Collective Agreement is one of the most important but overlooked parts of the CA.

If your Dean, Director, or another administrator asks you for a meeting, this section of the CA guarantees you the right to ask what the meeting is about, to have it scheduled at a reasonable time, and to bring a representative from Association to the meeting if it will involve an investigation or any sort of discipline.

Sometimes Collective Agreement language can be hard to understand. To help make it more clear, we've produced a plain-language version of Article 19.B.1.8.

You can find it here.

# NEWS YOU CAN USE



# Public Sector Unions File Notice of Motion for Injunction Against Unconstitutional Labour Law

Manitoba unions are speaking out against the current government's so-called Public Services Sustainability Act (Bill 28) and have submitted their reasoning as to why this legislation is detrimental to Manitobans and the future of unions in this province.



## We Stand with Students Against Bill 31

Last week, UMFA Members joined students from the University of Winnipeg and the University of Manitoba at the Rally Against Tuition Hikes.

UMFA President, Janet Morrill spoke before the Legislative Assembly last Wednesday to condemn these tuition hikes and to remind the current government that precarious funding to universities fundamentally decreases the value of post-secondary education and makes it impossible for overworked, underpaid professors, instructors, and librarians to offer high quality education to their students.

**Read More** 



## MOFA Report Confirms Higher Tuition Fees Hurt Low Income Students

The Manitoba Organization of Faculty Associations (MOFA) has released a report demonstrating that higher tuition fees in Manitoba will reduce university participation of youth from lower-income families, and discourage students from pursuing public interest careers.

#### Key findings include:

- Tuition fee hikes negatively impact enrollment among low-income students;
- Tuition fee hikes increase enrollment inequality, with students from welloff families taking the place of those from more modest backgrounds.
- Higher tuition fees are linked to heavier debt loads for students at graduation.
- Higher student debt impacts career choice, with students less likely to pursue public interest jobs.

Read the Report



### **Call For Nominations**

CAUT is looking for nominations for the CAUT Donald C. Savage Award. The Award was established in 1997 in honour of Donald C. Savage, Executive Director of CAUT 1972-1997, and was instituted to honour and to recognize outstanding achievements in the promotion of collective bargaining in Canadian universities and colleges.

CAUT is also looking for nominations for the CAUT Equity Award. The Award was established in 2010 to recognize post-secondary academic staff who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to challenging exclusionary behaviours and practices such as racism and homophobia and by so doing have made post-secondary education in Canada more inclusive.

Nominations for the award may be submitted by academic staff associations or any other interested parties or individuals. **The deadline for nominations is February 1, 2018**.

The nomination form and procedures for the Donald C. Savage Award are available here.

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## **UBC** Paycheques

Did you work at the University of British Columbia between 1992 and 2016? UBC might owe you a paycheque.

Click here for more information: <a href="https://www.ubyssey.ca/news/ubc-employees-missing-paycheques/">https://www.ubyssey.ca/news/ubc-employees-missing-paycheques/</a>

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