

**Mediation continues today**

Dear colleague,

Despite the disruption yesterday, the UMFA Bargaining Team and administration spent the entire day today in mediation, and will be staying into the night. UMFA is still working diligently to ensure progress is made on your priorities. Discussions in mediation still remain in blackout, as requested by the mediator, but we will update you on the happenings at the table as soon as we are able to do so.

While the UMFA team continues to push core issues at the table, your efforts in the larger community and continued engagement on social media are a tremendous asset. To all those who came out to the information picket; or volunteered at an information table; have spread our messages on Facebook and Twitter; volunteered at meetings; have talked to students to help them understand what these issues mean to them; and to those who have shared your messages of support and encouragement - our thanks cannot be overstated.

Below is a collage of some of your efforts that without a doubt, are being noticed. Please continue with all of your efforts as we intensify the pressure on the admin to come to a fair deal before November 1.



Finally, on Monday, October 31, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., I'd like to welcome you to join us at a "Go/No-Go Open House" at strike headquarters (located at [65 Trottier Bay](#)). Come down, see the space and socialize with your fellow colleagues.



Mediation continues all day tomorrow. Please check your email throughout the day on Monday.

In solidarity,  
Mark Hudson