

**FAST FACTS: An UMFA News  
Bulletin**

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Hi everyone,

Please find below the May 30, 2017 edition of the UMFA Fast Facts. In it, you'll find information on a number of topics that may be of interest. Click the links below to jump to those that are relevant to you.

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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**New Budget Model Threatens Faculty Club at McMaster University**

The Faculty Club at McMaster University just celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this week. It has become a place of collegiality, a place to discuss issues, host events, welcome new academics and meet with prospective academics. A recent newsletter from the McMaster University Faculty Association (MUFA) says that the new activity based budget model used at McMaster is now threatening the club's existence. For details, see page 8 of the MUFA newsletter: <http://macfaculty.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Newsletter201705.pdf>.

**CAUT Bulletin: Interview with Robert Chernomas about UMFA Strike and University Governance**

Former Chief Negotiator for UMFA, and current President of the Manitoba Organization of Faculty Associations (MOFA) Robert Chernomas, spoke to the CAUT Bulletin about why UMFA Members went on strike last November and what the strike achieved. Also, he briefly discusses a conference he attended on university governance in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. To read the interview, click here: <https://www.caut.ca/bulletin/articles/2017/05/interview-robert-chernomas>.

**UMFA AGM Round Up**

The UMFA Annual General Meeting took place on May 17. Members reviewed the year's activities and the budget for the upcoming year. Members also participated in a break-out session where they discussed what they'd like to see UMFA take to the bargaining table in light of the Pallister government's edict to freeze compensation for public sector unions.

Awards were handed out for the Paul Fortier Prize for Student Activism (to Ian McDonald), the CAUT Dedicated Service Award (to Robert Chernomas), and the Roy Vogt Memorial Award for Exceptionally Meritorious Service (to James Hare).

Members also took some time to recognize a few of the “Unsung Heroes of the UMFA Strike” – those who went the extra mile in some aspect who perhaps did not receive the kudos or thanks they deserved. The heroes board is currently on the wall in the UMFA boardroom. The AGM wrapped up with a reception.

For photos from the AGM, please see our Facebook page here:

[https://www.facebook.com/pg/University-of-Manitoba-Faculty-Association-297630283760972/photos/?tab=album&album\\_id=653161518207845](https://www.facebook.com/pg/University-of-Manitoba-Faculty-Association-297630283760972/photos/?tab=album&album_id=653161518207845).

### **Petition: Keep Power Smart in Manitoba Hydro**

The Pallister government previously announced a plan to remove a number of successful programs from Manitoba Hydro and create new crown corporation to deliver services currently provided in house. The members of CUPE 998 have created a petition to oppose Bill 19 and are fighting to save PowerSmart. Visit [www.998.cupe.ca](http://www.998.cupe.ca) to learn more and to sign the petition.