

President's Report - November 2020 GMM

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Since our last GMM, I've continued to work on connecting our Local with other actors in the labour movement and Ontario's academic sector. I attended a multi-day conference with the OUWCC as McMaster's campus representative, spoke to our Unit 2 Bargaining campaign at a workshop hosted by OCUFA, and remained involved with the HDLC's Young Workers Committee. I was also recently voted in as a member of CUPE Ontario's Young Workers Committee and look forward to linking 3906 with provincial-level initiatives (I will be attending their first meeting this week).

I also received media training from our communications representative from CUPE National and I spoke with two journalists this month in an effort to share issues and stories from our Local (particularly concerning Unit 1 and Unit 2). I intend to escalate these efforts in communication and advocacy over the next month, working alongside members and fellow executives to gain more attention regarding McMaster's exclusion of out of province TAs. I'm also working closely with our VP External (Shirleen) to revamp our relationship with other unions on campus.

With a few other members of the Local, I completed the "Organizing 4 Power" Strike School in October and look forward to applying our learned lessons to our work with the union. I recently also helped coordinate with the Hamilton IWW to offer our organizing committee "101" training, virtually.

Lastly, I continue to work on supporting our members through Unit 2's Bargaining and Strike Committees, grievance support across all units, participating in a variety of committees, responding to member inquiries and helping coordinate member-led initiatives and responses, such as our Executive Statement on Bill 168.

In Solidarity,  
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