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Chief Steward TAs/Unit-1 (Monthly Report December 2020)

Welcome all the fall is near to its end and I hope it was challenging for the most of our membership but we find new ways to connect. Our stewards are proactively working on wide a range of issues most importantly the out of province issue which some of our unit-1 members are facing. Many of the stewards participated in the stewardship course offered by CUPE national as well the course on organizing things at work place. There will be more such courses in the next term about which I will update the membership to hone our skill set and knowledge in different domains. Currently we have a strong network of around 50 stewards in different departments. There have been several significant actions which the CUPE-3906 has pressed hard for the larger benefit of our Unit-1 members i.e Tas/Ras in lieu. One of the imperative contributions was to construct an effective steward council representing thirty-three departments from six different faculties. Our current stewards are playing a great leadership role within their departments by protecting the rights and interest of TAs. They are working hard to ensure a proper communication with the membership and a better operational synergy with CUPE-3906 and their departments. Stewards election process is still open. I want to make sure this year to try my best so that all issues which our unit-1 members are facing due to current situation are resolved no later than sooner. Because of the pandemic we have a difficult time but I am sure it will lead us to a better future. I personally believe as a team and with the support of our TAs and stewards we can make a change. Stay safe and have a wonderful vacation ahead!

In solidarity,

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