

## **Exec. Monthly Report (Feb. 2021)**

I would like to thank CUPE 3906 executives and staff for their sincere support and guidance since I was elected through various ways, emails, orientation sessions, workshops. So, thank you for being so amazing! Since my election as an International Officer at GMM in January, 2021, I have completed the following tasks and have been working on following activities and initiatives at CUPE 3906:

### **Completed Tasks:**

1. Attending two orientation sessions on my new role as an International Officer, which provided me with essential knowledge of rules and technical things related to my new position.
2. Attending two workshops on Anti-Oppression in February. These workshops were really helpful and improved my awareness about different forms of discrimination and racism so that I can prevent this to the best of my ability as a CUPE executive.
3. Contacting Avijit, the former great International Officer, to learn about the International Committee members and seek advice as an International Officer.
4. Emailing IGSA Co-presidents to ask for collaborations with CUPE International Committee to maximize outreach to international students. They accepted to collaborate for promoting programs and events!
5. Emailing the eight International Committee members recruited by Avijit, to say hello, and ask if they are interested in continuing to be part of this committee. Only three students expressed interest and the others are not able to be part of the committee for different reasons.
6. Recording the departments and level of study of the International Committee members to identify the gaps in the Committee and recruit other members from underrepresented departments, according to the Bylaws. Huge gap was found for Social Sciences and Humanities.
7. Sending out a recruitment email to the CUPE International List and to separate departments which are underrepresented at the International Committee. Received two applications from international members at the Faculty of Social Sciences!
8. Asking Mollie to kindly include an advertising about the recruitment of international members in the upcoming weekly email to members.
9. A collaborative event on Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> with Nishant “Soc. Sci Meet and Greet” in collaboration with the GSA. We had good registration and attendance, with students from different departments where stewards are lacking, like Political Sciences. One student from Political Sciences expressed interest in becoming a steward and we sent over the nomination form and advised on the process. Also, we had another interested student who is considering graduate application at the Department of Anthropology, so hoping this student will join the Network soon.
10. Moved a motion to donate \$500 to CareMongering grocery delivery program at the Disability Justice Network of Ontario to support them in improving food security among vulnerable

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people in Canada by providing foods during these hard times. The motion passed at the CUPE Executive meeting.

### **Ongoing activities and upcoming initiatives:**

1. Hoping to have the International Committee ready and have the first Committee meeting this week or the week after to discuss students' issues and propose programs and events.
2. I hope to have a social event with prizes in March. Update will be provided once the committee meets and motion can be moved through email.