July 2021, Vice President GMM Report

Dear Members,

My report for this month will be very similar to my last month’s report, considering that most of my activities for this month have been a continuation of my previous commitments. Since my last report, I have continued to participate in different committee meetings, such as meetings from the Benefits Committee, the Organizing Committee, the Indigenous Solidarity Working Group, the Grievances Committee, Bargaining Team meetings, Stewards meetings and the Communications Committee, which I chair as vice president. I have also participated in orientation sessions for executive members, in meetings concerning the return to campus planning, the new paid training for Unit 1 members and our current bargaining drive.

I have kept on handling our email communications and any problems that could arise with its mechanics around MailChimp. The weekly e-blasts have continued to count with the generous support of our staff and executive members, however we need more people participating in the Communications Committee to bring it to its full potential. If you have ideas for our Communications, be sure to come to our meetings and share them! I’ll be happy to loop you in on our discussions, just shoot me an email.

I have been assisting our Organizing Committee and the CSEU Coordinating Committee in the preparations for the CSEU Annual Congress next month. The congress we are hosting, [CSEU 2021: Academia, Justice and the Workplace](https://www.cseu-csee.org/en/congress), is coming in just 2 weeks time and there is certainly a lot of work to be done. This is a unique opportunity to get involved in planning a multiday conference with many presentations, an important skill for a scholar to have in their toolset. If you’d like to be part of it and help make it come true, please send me an email and I’ll be happy to loop you in.

Besides the work directly involved with the Local’s day-to-day, I have also met with the employer to defend our interests, in Human Resources meetings and in arbitration concerning grievances. Outside of the local, I keep participating in the Hamilton and District Labour Council and in the Coalition of Student Employee Unions meetings, since I am a delegate for our Local in both organizations.

In solidarity,

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