

Examiner

OPSEU Local 240



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College Presidents move to unionize as McGuinty freezes salaries of top civil servants

College presidents across Ontario have expressed their collective anger over Dalton McGuinty's freezing of salaries for senior government bureaucrats, as well as those in the health care and academic sectors. "We're not going to take this lying down!" said Mohawk College President, Rob MacIsaac. "How are we to live in the lifestyle we're accustomed to if we have to survive on our bonuses alone? It's not fair."

In retaliation, management at Mohawk College has approached OPSEU to organize the province's first administrative local in the public service. OPSEU President, Smokey Thomas, reports that he was approached by President MacIsaac to unionize college presidents, vice presidents, directors, deans and anyone else making a six-figure income and who is affected by the freeze. Said a surprised Thomas, "This guy is serious. He came to me quoting Karl Marx, for God's sake, something about 'College Presidents of the world unite – you have nothing to lose but your condos in Florida.'"

The executive of Local 240 immediately offered its services to help administrators get out the 'yes' vote for unionization. Sam Maga, Local President, said, "We're 100% behind our administrative brothers and sisters."

As for who will lead the new local, Fred Deys is rumoured to be the front-runner, having reassured his fellow administrators

that switching to the other side of the bargaining table should not be an issue.

Sam Maga did have some final advice for the MacIsaac and the administration as they go through the unionization process. Said, Maga, "This time, when you take the vote, you might not want to sit on the ballots and refuse to do the count. That seems to slow things down."

"Props' for Profs": making the new workload formula work for faculty

The College has announced a new service that will assist aging faculty with increased workloads. "Props for Profs" will provide faculty with a walker to get to and from classes! Contact Fran Agnew in Strategic Planning and Community Living for your fitting.



NEWS FLASH!!!

This just in. Unofficially, the College administration has voted 51% in favour of unionization with OPSEU. It is reported that management could be heard inside the President's office singing the Strawb's 1970s hit, "You won't get me, I'm part of the union!"

The MSA will report the official results on MoCoMotion.

Now you see it, now you don't!

- ⇒ Elgin Street Campus
- ⇒ Parking attendants
- ⇒ Human Resources
- ⇒ Collective Agreement
- ⇒ Job postings
- ⇒ Math Department
- ⇒ M-Wing

Grading Policy Revised

Faculty complained so strongly about the College lowering the course passing grade to 50% that the VPA, Cheryl Jensen, decided that faculty will have to earn 80% on the eLearn modules in order to get access to the new LMS. Not to worry, you will be promoted, even if you fail.



What did you say?



President Rob MacIsaac congratulated the management team on balancing the budget. At most “only” 9-10 positions will be eliminated, but we don’t know where.

Nandini Daljit, the new Dean of Health Sciences, denies telling faculty that “nine” positions will come from nursing so that she can overcome her \$900 000 deficit. She claims she said, “None, not nine”.

When asked about the change the budget will have on Student Services, Vice President Rosemary Knechtel said, “It will be similar but different”.

Mohawk's top five oxymorons

5. Military intelligence
4. Progressive Conservative
3. Live recording
2. Jumbo shrimp
1. Faculty input

Early Retirement at Mohawk

Management’s decision-making process is revealed.

MSN messages between Fred D. and Maureen A.:

Fred: “Let me get back to you on that?”

Maureen A.: “This wasn’t in our current budget! Put it to rest once and for all, Fred!”



Fred: "I think I've put this thing to REST"

Relentless Innovation in Business

Richard Court has proposed a new program for the Business cluster. It will be the first of its kind in Canada and will have a yearly project. The program is called “Movable Architecture”, with the proposed yearly project being the new location of “M” Wing.

Office
Space
for
Lease



Pass the Pepto-Bismol

During recent bargaining College management negotiators were unsuccessful changing “partial load” faculty definition. Management proposed a language change from ‘regular’ to “irregular”.

Rationale: They will be eating in college cafeterias.

Mohawk College: Relentlessly Innovative

Mohawk has won a provincial award for innovation and partnership. Mohawk College teams up with Tim Horton’s for part-time contracts. Employees will be determined by “rolling up the rim”. Winning cups are to be presented to Human Resources with a job application. You must not have won a part-time contract within the current academic year to be eligible.

‘Robb’ing from Peter....

Mohawk College reacts to Ontario budget focus on post secondary education. Jay Robb, Mohawk’s PR spokesperson says, “We’re all getting blackberries”.



Thought for the Day

“Wish for sunshine, but build dykes.”

Mao Tse-Tung

Mohawk College: Simply the best!

Have you noticed the new, no-nonsense corporate culture at Mohawk College? Management has developed a new business model that’s super-sized and always fresh. We blend educational delivery the way McDonald’s blends milkshakes.

To make sure we’re all on the same page, employees are boning up on their customer service skills at a series of training sessions at McMaster’s Innovation Park. We’re going to make education a finger lickin’ good experience for all our students, and if they want fries with their diploma—why not? They can have it their way at the undisputed meal deal of community colleges.



What’s in it for faculty? Well check out the new uniforms we’ll be wearing, starting next fall, and courtesy of our corporate sponsors, of course. After all, it’s not enough to think you’re simply the best—you’ve got to look the part.



Just remember, get to your session early. The first 100 faculty at each session get a baseball bat so they can hit themselves over the head until they really believe things are getting better.



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