

Local 240 Bulletin

Things They Didn't Tell Us at the Town Hall

Many members have spoken to us about their shock at not receiving pertinent budget information at the Town Hall.

Geoff took up the offer from Kim Watkins, CFO of Mohawk College, to meet with her to discuss the budget presentation.

For our members, full time hiring was of the greatest interest.

Here is the breakdown of what is in the budget in terms of full time hires:

Faculty	Administration*	Support Staff
7 (CTL-- 1 Stoney Creek-- 3 Counselling--1 English for Academic Purposes—2)	5	21

After five weeks on the picket line, we are clearly shocked and dismayed that the College didn't recognize our frustration with their reliance on precarious labour. This budget was an opportunity for them to show us that full time faculty hiring was a high priority. Evidently, they don't feel this way. We have met with Paul Armstrong, VPA, and expressed our disappointment with this budget and with their lack of commitment to increasing our full-time faculty complement.

Thanks to our solidarity during the strike, the moratorium is gone. Of course, we **never** would have gotten it back otherwise. For the fall, Local 240's number one priority will be staffing grievances. We can assure you that **our** commitment to advocate for the hiring of full-time faculty has never wavered and will continue. Historically, the greatest amount of full-time hiring has always come as the result of staffing grievances. They are our best tool for fighting back against precarious employment. After four years, we finally have this tool back and we will use it to create full-time jobs for our contract faculty!

***NOTE:** There has never been a moratorium on the hiring of administrators!