



Strike Bulletin #3 - October 18, 2017

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Save the Date

Rally for Quality and Fairness
 Friday, October 20th, noon to 1pm
 Mohawk College entrance at Governor's Road and Fennell Ave.
 There will be free food and drinks, music, speeches, and some surprises!
 More details to follow.

Strike Pay

You receive your cheque from the local on Wednesday the week following your strike duty. It will be based on \$30 per day of strike service. The cheque can be picked up on your picket line from your picket captain.

The money from OPSEU will be deposited directly in to your bank account most likely by Tuesday of the week following your strike duty. It will be based on \$40 per day of strike service.

Shout Outs

We would like to thank the Mohawk administration, Mohawk and McMaster security, support staff, students, family and members from other unions for their support on the picket lines during the strike. Our interactions with staff and students on the lines has been mostly positive and some have even provided us with snacks and coffee. We are very grateful for the kindness our members have experienced.

One disappointment...

We had hoped management would cancel ALL classes for ALL students. Unfortunately, the Nursing N4K10, 4th year, second semester students are continuing with this class which is taught by Mohawk faculty. This is inequitable to other students who are missing class time and negates the role of the faculty member. Shame!

Health and Benefits

With our Benefits being covered, please ensure you take care of yourself while on the picket lines and after....book a massage to ease all those aches and pains away!

Partial Load Time Sheets

Please be sure to submit your time sheets for teaching hours up to and including the 15th. You will be paid for this work completed before the strike began.

Precarious work for Part-Time Faculty (Video)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=2&v=kfQmxripznQ

Thoughts from a member--Greg Neale

Today I am on strike. This is not the first time. For me an interesting mix of thoughts, emotions, and feelings. In this our second day I am reminded of my first day at Mohawk College. A heady business, I was young, a new father and my wife and I had just bought our first house. I left a good stable job to become a contract staff member. It was tough but I hoped to eventually secure a full time position. As luck would have it, I did. I worked hard I learned much and was rewarded for my effort.

I met myself on the line today. Young energetic excited individuals. Working multiple contracts at multiple colleges as partial load. Fighting hard in their own way to achieve the elusive full time faculty position. I hope that this strike action can give them the opportunity to see the light turn on in a student's face and provide a stable financial life for their families. I have seen the good, the bad, and unfortunately the ugly in the college system and here walking the line. I remain fatally optimistic that there is good in all people and that the sun will come up tomorrow.

Solidarity

From the Picket Lines

