

# FAUST



#### **ECHO'** of GMM

FAUST will be publishing an "echo" after each General Membership Meeting, which contains **a brief synopsis** of the items for those who were not able to attend. Please find below a summary of the **GMM** held on **21/09/18**:



- 1. The Executive is looking into expanding FAUST participation on the Presidential Advisory Committee on **campus** Environmental Issues.
- 2. FAUST involvement in the Fredericton Pride Parade and Labour Day BBQ were successful; stay tuned for more possible social activities this year!

- 3. We also wish to improve our communications with off-campus members, and we are looking into videoconferencing possibilities for future Membership Meetings. Offcampus visits are being planned to follow up a successful one at Elsipogtog in late August. Our revamped website, our "News & Views" Bulletin, and regular publication of this meeting "echo" is another possible means of reaching out to members who can't attend in person. Suggestions are always welcome!
- 4. Prior to the recent NB election, all 4 political parties took part in a FAUST-sponsored discussion of university funding at STU; turnout was good and all candidates affirmed their strong support for PSE funding. An op-ed submitted on university funding was submitted to provincial newspapers by the FAUST president, and it was

finally published a week late (Sept. 29-- Gleaner and TJ).

- 5. FAUST has shared member concerns about new STU policies on cannabis, intoxication, and animals on campus and has brought them to the Employer's attention. The policies are being reviewed and further input is always welcome
- 6. There was discussion of 2 major issues affecting our workplace: problems with IT/computer system support, and concerns over workplace harassment (especially in light of a recent arbitration involving sexual misconduct). It was agreed that the Union wishes to be more proactive on both these fronts, and advisory committees were struck to bring recommendations for action to the FAUST executive. All FAUST members are welcome to join in the work of these ad hoc committees.
- 7. We are entering another BARGAINING YEAR in 2019! Marvin Claybourn has agreed to be our Chief Negotiator once again, and we will be holding a CAUT-led training session on October 26 for any FAUST members who may be interested in getting trained for participation in future negotiations and also for those who are interested in the process. It is a great way to build your skill set! Also, the FAUST executive will be in touch soon to solicit member input on bargaining

priorities... we ALWAYS want to hear your thoughts!!

 October 22-26 is Fair Employment Week-- a time to highlight the contributions of our "Part-Time" faculty members, and to draw attention to the unfair working conditions they often experience. Stay tuned for updates on FAUST's plans to make some noise this year!

For further information on any of these items, or to get involved, please contact <faust@stu.ca> at any time! FAUST is YOUR union, and we are strong together!!!! \*\*\*\*

### FREDERICTON & DISTRICT LABOUR COUNCIL

Please note that the following FAUST members have agreed to serve as **delegates** at the **Fredericton & District Labour Council**: Alex Bailey (Business), Raluca Bejan (Social Work), Robin Vose (History) and Bonnie Huskins (FAUST).



### FAIR EMPLOYMENT WEEK OCT 22-26

FEW highlights the contributions of our Part-Time faculty and raises awareness about the rise of precarious employment at Canadian post-secondary schools. Stay tuned for more information about activities at STU:



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# FAUSTIANS AT WORK & PLAY....







Jeannette Gaudet receiving the Nicole Raymond Award at the FNBFA meetings