

**Subject:** [msvufa-univ-list] October 21 Update  
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Dear MSVUFA members,

I am writing to share some most recent progress. First, we received notification from the FA lawyer in late afternoon Friday October 18 that all outstanding items have been resolved and the language of CA has been agreed upon by the two parties. The Employer has sent the FA a final clean copy of the draft CA as a Word document at 10:37am today Oct 21. The FA BT is now beginning to proof-read the RTPP articles and will then proceed with the remainder of the clean copy. We will get back to the Employer as soon as possible to finalize the clean copy and are hoping to conclude the Facilitated Agreement facilitated by the Labour Board this week.

Second, on Friday late afternoon the FA sent the final revised RTPP timeline proposal to the Administration members on JC per the discussion at Friday morning's JC meeting. We have not heard any feedback on that just yet. We understand that the starting dates of the timelines are contingent on the dates of approving the RTPP language and of the delivery of the RTPP workshops. The JC will also need a little time to coordinate and confirm the details of the delivery of RTPP workshops. I am hopeful that the two parties will be collaborating closely to expedite this process as much as possible.

On another note, our request for CAUT Bargaining Rights Defence Benefit has been approved! As briefly mentioned at Friday's General Meeting, in late September the FA submitted an application for the CAUT Bargaining Rights Defence Benefit at an estimated amount of \$88,000 to reimburse the FA's legal expenses directly associated with the signing of the CA during the period of March 14 - December 31, 2024. Last week, we adjusted our estimation of the legal expense to the amount of \$100,000. Our CAUT Defence Fund Representative, Stan Orlov, attended the CAUT Defence Fund Annual General Meeting at Montreal on Saturday October 19. Stan presented our case and advocated for increasing the amount or removing the cap. As a result, our request for the CAUT Defence Fund AGM was unanimously approved for as much money as necessary, providing that the expenses are those listed in [CAUT Defence Fund standing rules and regulations 7.3.2](#). We greatly appreciated the CAUT's strong support of our collective endeavour to defend our bargaining rights and fight against bad-faith bargaining. I also want to give a big shout out to Stan Orlov for his amazing advocacy!

More to follow soon.

In solidarity,  
Tianyuan

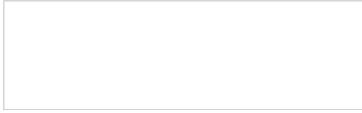
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