

FAUST NEWS & VIEWS

This is our Welcome Back after the Summer edition!!

First up...a message from our Prez, Robin Vose:



Robin at the Labour Day BBQ

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Dear members of FAUST,

Welcome back to the start of another teaching year! And a special welcome to new FAUSTians. Though much of our research, our pedagogical engagement, and our service work never really stops, it is always nice to take a moment to mark transitions from one season to the next. It's also a pleasure to welcome new cohorts of students—our academic apprentices and potential future colleagues—to STU. I wish you all a healthy and intellectually rewarding Fall semester.

Members of your FAUST executive have been busy over the summer, and we continue to work on a number of ongoing projects even as we shift into ever higher gears for what promises to be a truly important professional, political, and bargaining year in 2018-19. More details will be forthcoming in our online communications, and at General Membership Meetings (<u>next</u> <u>one:</u> Sept. 21). It is vital that we stay informed as FAUST members, that we participate in union (and wider community) discussions, and that we work together toward making this an ever-better academic workplace for every single one of our colleagues, whatever their discipline or status. As we well know, academic work is a collective endeavor and we all share a responsibility to ensure that the best of university traditions are safeguarded for future generations, while always striving to make postsecondary education a more accessible and equitable project that benefits the public interest.

We do uniquely important work, often amid a wide variety of challenges that <u>can</u> be addressed when we stand together. We owe it to ourselves to do so, as well as to academia in general and to the communities we serve. Nor must we ever forget that our working conditions are our students' learning conditions. Let's work together to improve those conditions—for all our sakes.

In solidarity,

Robin Vose, FAUST President ***

MARVIN CLAYBOURN APPOINTED AS FAUST'S CHIEF NEGOTIATOR

At the Executive Meeting on 12 July 2018, the Executive unanimously appointed Marvin Claybourn as the Chief Negotiator for the upcoming negotiations in 2019. Marvin served as Chief Negotiator during the last round and brings a lot of experience to the table, as does **Moira McLaughlin** (Anthropology), who will be joining him on the Negotiating Team.

Bargaining preparations will begin shortly. Stay tuned!

ALL CANDIDATES MEETING ON UNIVERSITY FUNDING

On **19 September** at **4pm** in the **Ted Daigle Auditorium**, FAUST will be hosting an all candidates' meeting on **university funding** in general and **STU funding** in particular. Confirmed participants include **David Coon** for the **Green Party, Susan Holt** for the **Liberals, Dominic Cardy** for the **Progressive Conservatives**, and **Bonnie Clark** for the **People's Alliance Party.** Please consider attending and querying the parties on their priorities for postsecondary education

MEMBERS OF THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

Do you have a problem that you think may be a grievance (a violation of the Collective Agreement)? Contact a member of the Grievance Committee who will provide you with advice and guidance:

- Jeannette Gaudet (Senior Grievance Officer): gaudet@stu.ca
- Moira McLaughlin: <u>mclaugh@stu.ca</u>
- Mike Fleming: <u>mlfl@stu.ca</u>

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 21 2:30pm JDH G-1 ALL FULL-TIME & PART-TIME MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!!

FAUST EXECUTIVE 2018-19

President: Robin Vose

VP: Gül Caliskan

Past President: Craig Proulx

Treasurer: Moira McLaughlin

Member-at-Large: Mike Fleming

Member-at-Large: Jeannette Gaudet

Member-at-Large: Janice Harvey

THANKS TO EVERONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE PRIDE PARADE & LABOUR DAY BBQ









