
October 30, 2020

Re: AUPE Wildcat Strike of October 26, 2020

Dear Guy Smith,

The Mount Royal Faculty Association (MRFA) is committed to a fair and transparent collective bargaining process, free from external interference. To this end, I am writing to inform you that the MRFA is in strong support of the AUPE workers who engaged in efforts to resist the privatization of their work.

On October 26, many of our members individually attended events at the Foot Hills Hospital, the Rockyview General Hospital, and the Sheldon M. Chumir Health Centre, and, on October 27, the Association had organized a formal delegation of its Executive Board and other MRFA members to attend various events to show our support for the affected members of AUPE. We want you to know that although you had to end your job action, the Mount Royal University faculty were ready to show our solidarity with your struggle to keep your members' jobs.

Further, the MRFA offers the following message now and moving forward.

To our comrades taking time to protest recent development and changes to government legislation, know that the Mount Royal Faculty Association stands in support of your actions. Know that the MRFA, a union of post-secondary educators, is grateful for the time you have invested, and the time we will continue to invest in the coming months. We stand in solidarity with you and your struggle, because our struggle is the same. Together we are strong.

As time progresses, please do not hesitate to call upon the Mount Royal Faculty Association and our affiliated comrades within the Confederation of Alberta Faculty Associations. We will be ready to stand with you.

Sincerely,
Lee Easton,
President
Mount Royal Faculty Association