



Statement of support for the Ontario Public Service Employees Union

The Association of Professors of the University of Ottawa (APUO) would like to express its support for the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) and its college faculty members currently on strike across Ontario.

Our members recognise that the continued corporatization of postsecondary education has been harmful to both faculty and students. We echo OPSEU's call for fairness and equal pay for contract faculty, the inclusion of faculty in academic decision-making and governance, and academic freedom. These conditions would present a positive shift for Ontario colleges, and can only benefit the quality of education delivered to students.

We vehemently denounce the fact that over 80 per cent of faculty at Ontario colleges are working on contract, and are having to reapply for their positions every four months, over multiple years. We believe faculty deserve fairness and a stable work environment, that is mindful of their wellbeing, and understand that the working conditions of college faculty have a direct impact on the education delivered to students.

The APUO applauds OPSEU's leadership in demanding fairness for college faculty as we all strive to build a system of postsecondary education that is of high quality. We urge the College Employer Council to return to the bargaining table and negotiate a fair collective agreement with OPSEU, so that both faculty and students can swiftly return to the classroom.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan Spronk". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Susan Spronk

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