Ad Hoc Committee on Fighting Anti-Semitism and on Creating a Safer and More Inclusive Campus for Jewish Members of the University

Mandate:

The APUO Ad Hoc Committee on Fighting Anti-Semitism and on Creating a Safer and More Inclusive Campus for Jewish Members of the University is tasked with consulting Jewish members of the university community. The objective of this consultation is to identify the needs and challenges faced by Jewish students and university personnel.

Based on the findings of this consultation, and following a scan of best practices employed at other Canadian postsecondary institutions, the Committee will formulate a series of recommendations aimed at providing better religious accommodations to Jewish members of our community in all facets of campus life, preventing incidents of hate and discrimination against Jewish members of our university community, identifying key areas where the APUO could collaborate with other unions and the Central Administration to foster a more equitable and inclusive working and learning environment for Jewish students and university personnel.

As per Article 5.2(g) of the Constitution the Committee will present its report and recommendations to the APUO Executive Committee for consideration.

The committee is composed of four (4) APUO members, which will be ratified by the APUO Board of Directors, one of which will be appointed to Chair the Committee, one (1) member of the Association of Part-Time Professors of the University of Ottawa, one (1) undergraduate student appointed by the University of Ottawa Student Union, one (1) graduate student appointed by the Graduate Student Association, one (1) member appointed by the Support Staff of the University of Ottawa.

Committee members:

Joel Westheimer, Chair, Faculty of Education, APUO representative
End of term: December 31, 2022

Sarah Berger Richardson, Co-Chair, Faculty of Law, Civil Law Section, APUO representative
End of term: December 31, 2022

Rees Kassen, Faculty of Science, APUO representative
End of term: December 31, 2022
Natalia Vesselova, Faculty of Arts, APTPUO representative
End of term: December 31, 2022

Gishleine Oukouomi Djouonang, GSAÉD representative
End of term: December 31, 2022

Simone Schwartz, SSUO representative
End of term: December 31, 2022

Maisy Elspeth Coward, UOSU representative
End of term: December 31, 2022