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Boycott of Open House and other pressure tactics adopted at last night's GA

Faculty have voted to initiate local pressure tactics in response to the current sectoral offers that would see, amongst other things, over 1,500 permanent positions eliminated from the cegep system.

Boycott of the October 25th Open House

The Faculty members made the decision to boycott our open house on October 25th. We join our colleagues at John-Abbott and Vanier College who had already announced their boycotts of open house.

No work-related communication outside availability

Faculty also adopted the following motion regarding communication outside normal hours of availability:

"That faculty refrain from all work-related communication outside normal hours of availability for the Fall 2015 semester"

Full-time regular sector teachers are available to the College 32.5 hours/week. (continued on page 2)

Pressure Tactics (continued)

Hours of availability include the time required for teaching, class preparation, grading, departmental duties as well as student *encadrement*.

Faculty should refrain from responding to emails on evenings/weekends and periods outside those designated in their availability.

Continuing Education teachers are not required to provide *encadrement* to their students. One-on-one student *encadrement* can be provided in a 15-20 minute period set aside every class for this purpose.

One of the most important battles of these negotiations is the one centred around the working conditions of Continuing Education teachers and the learning conditions of their students. This pressure tactic is an excellent opportunity to highlight the inequity of the services provided to students in the cegep system.

Submitting grades on the contractual deadline

The College has sent out a memo to students and teachers stating their intention to extend the academic calendar.

By extending the academic calendar **the contractual grade submission deadline is pushed back** to five working days after the last scheduled day of final exams.

Faculty have voted that grades be submitted on the contractual deadline which will be established if and when the exam period is shifted.

Join us! Grade-IN October 20th: 11am-2pm

Faculty and support staff will be staging a grade-in/sit-in in the 4AB wing on Tuesday October 20th between 11am to 2pm.

If you have office hours scheduled during that time or if you have a pile of marking to do, please join your colleagues in a public display of the work that we do every day behind closed doors.

Coffee and snacks will be provided

