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In Brief



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*Are you a TA, grader/marker, lab demonstrator, tutor, or lecturer?
Or a sessional instructor, librarian, or counsellor?*

Attention Bannatyne Campus Members

In response to requests from our members on the Bannatyne Campus, we will be holding an informal meeting at the downtown location in the near future in order to better understand and represent our members there. An email will be sent out soon in order to plan the date, time, location and agenda.

Orientation Packages

All members of CUPE 3909 who are working in the fall semester should receive an orientation package with important information from your union. If you do not receive the package please contact your union



CUPE 3909

General Membership Meeting

CUPE is holding a General Membership Meeting in November, where the Local's officers will report on the finances, campaigns, and contract negotiations of the Local. Amendments to the Bylaws of the Local will be proposed.

More info is available at the Local's website, 3909.cupe.ca.

Ask questions, raise concerns, and get informed: CUPE 3909 can't function without the active involvement of members like you.

November 28th, 2012 ~ 4:00 PM

224 University Centre

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Call for Stewards

Want to get more involved in your Union? A great place to start is by becoming a shop steward. As a shop steward you will be trained on how to assist your fellow workers interpret and enforce their rights in the workplace. There are many departments still in need of a shop steward. The time commitment is relatively light, shop stewards meet once a month for training and discussion, but the work is tremendously important. If you have the time and desire to serve your union as a shop steward, please call or email your union today.

Arts Strategic Planning Committee

The Dean of Arts Office has struck a Strategic Planning Committee and is planning to hold a series of consultations with various Arts stakeholders. While the final outcomes of this Strategic Planning Committee are unknown, CUPE 3909 believes it is important that the Dean hear the voice of Sessionals. In order to facilitate sessionals having input in this process, the first step is to form a focus group to give voice to the opinions held by this underrepresented, little understood sector. If you or someone you know is interested in taking part in the focus group please contact your union (www.3909.cupe.ca, 204-453-5493) for more details. In addition to the focus group, all CUPE members working in the Faculty of Arts will have the opportunity to give their input via an anonymous online survey. The survey is scheduled to take place before the end of the month so watch your inboxes!