



Public Service Alliance of Canada Local 901

The Union of Teaching Assistants, Teaching Fellows, Postdoctoral Scholars, and Research Assistants at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario

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RE: STATEMENT COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

On March 13 2020, Queen's University announced the cancellation of in-class Undergraduate courses as of March 16th for the duration of a week.

Following Queen's University precautions, PSAC Local 901 has cancelled all meetings and events scheduled between March 16th and 20th. This includes the scheduled Stewards' Council Meeting (March 18) and the Budget Committee Meeting (March 19). As of now, our Annual General Meeting is still scheduled for March 31st. However, we will keep you updated if this date changes.

The Kingston PSAC Regional Office is closed until March 31st, and staff will be working from home. With this, we have decided to close the PSAC Local 901 Office from March 16th – 20th. We are still available remotely by email or phone.

Furthermore, as academic workers, we acknowledge that we face particular instances of precarity that may pose challenges during this time. We encourage you to reach out if you have concerns regarding contracted hours and additional labour. It is PSAC's position that all employees are treated fairly and equitably during this time.

PSAC Local 901 will continue to monitor this situation closely, and be in conversations with Faculty Relations on how to move forward with class closures. We will post an updated statement by the end of next week outlining our plans for the remainder of the semester.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have questions or concerns.

In solidarity,

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On behalf of the PSAC Local 901 Executive Committee