PSAC Local 901 Bargaining Communique # 5 October 20th, 2021

Queen's Stonewalling

Over the last week, Queen's University's Bargaining Team demonstrated little understanding or care about the realities faced by graduate student workers. They are failing to meaningfully engage with us about the pervasive problems of sexual violence within the community, the housing crisis, the lack of mental health supports, difficulties in accessing accommodations, and the imperative to create an antiracist workplace.

No progress will be made if Queen's continues to willfully ignore the real concerns that have been brought forward by the membership. We are angered at the lack of engagement on these issues in the best of times but especially during COVID when graduate student workers are doing more work than ever. Queen's must do better to value the work we perform and the acknowledge the important role we play in building its positive reputation.

We are back at the table October 29th.

Now, more than ever, we need to raise our voices! We urge anyone who is able to join in the work of educating the employer. If you can help table around campus or want to get involved in another way email us at <u>ValueOurWork@psac901.org</u> we want to hear your ideas! Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter at PSAC901. Together we can change working conditions for the better!

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