

PSAC Local 901 **Bargaining Communique # 13**February 15th, 2022

You said YES!! Our Strike Mandate was an overwhelming success!

Thank you to all the members who came out to the Strike Mandate Vote Sessions yesterday! You listened, you asked great questions, and you returned an overwhelmingly strong strike mandate! The day started with members not getting links to the sessions when PSAC's emails were filtered out of members Queen's work email boxes but ended in an amazing show of solidarity as hundreds of you re-registered and showed up to vote!

Last week was our first week back at the table in two months. It had also been a month since we presented our monetary package to the employer. Overwhelmingly, on many of our demands the employer responded with "we're just not interested...". When pressed on their issues with the proposals they wouldn't, or couldn't, elaborate. It seems that the employer is just plain disinterest in making our campus a safer, healthier workplace. Monday saw some small movement as we delt with housekeeping issues. Mainly, Queen's continues to hide behind Bill 124, in order to deny us a fair agreement that is in keeping with the challenges faced by workers. They have made no attempt, as other universities have, to work creatively within the scope of the bill.

Love, respect and solidarity were in the air this Valentine's Day and 901 members showed up for each other and committed to making a better workplace for current and future members alike! The bargaining team returns to the table Thursday with the resolve of the members behind us! Our hand has been strengthened by you. The employer can't ignore the swell of support behind yesterday's impressive yes vote!

As always, watch your email and keep up to date with 901 news on social media: <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, <u>Linktree</u>.

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