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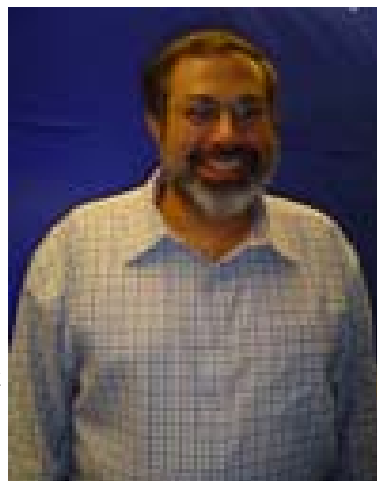
UPDATE: UOITFA continues negotiations into the summer

Negotiations have had a bit of a break--due to several negotiators, on both sides, being at various conferences, etc. Negotiations resumed on June 18.

We have made some tentative progress over the last few months... ; but it is clear that we will have to work hard for every clause and concession. Priority one has been to move the materials on Tenure/Review/Promotion properly into the contract, and thereby allowing the process to become grievable. The alternative is having references in the contract to external policies, thereby not allowing for the process to be grievable. There's been some movement, but so far, only minimal movement.

As reported in recent meetings, management is clearly favouring a minimalist approach to the contract. We would greatly value your show of support (e.g. by email or in person at FA meetings), to demonstrate to the team what are the most important issues facing our membership. Your support, by way of input and participation, are key to these negotiations.

As always, we look forward to hearing from you . **



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UOITFA welcomes Tess Pierce as new secretary.



The UOITFA is happy to welcome Teresa "Tess" Pierce as secretary to the UOITFA team. This position was held by Ron Hinch, who will remain on the UOIT bargaining team and as the Faculty representative for Criminology, Justice, & Policy Studies. Dr. Pierce is an Assistant Professor at UOIT as part of the Communication program. Pierce received her undergraduate degree in Speech Communication from Colorado State University and her Master's degree in Human Communication from the University of Denver. Her PhD is in Women's Studies

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ExpressOH! On hiatus for the summer

By Dr. Hannah Scott, Faculty of Criminology,
Justice, and Policy Studies.

Hello dedicated readers. This is a very short note to say that the ExpressOH! Column will return in the fall with a brand new series of articles. In the meantime, we are looking for inspiration here on the second page. If you have any ideas about what you would like to learn more about, let us know. We are also ready for another guest editorship of this space, for those who have expertise in an area and want to share some tips and tricks about “doing academia.” We look forward to hearing from you. **

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CAUT calls for Minister Goodyear’s resignation over political interference and attack on academic freedom

For immediate release
(Ottawa, June 10, 2009) The organization representing more than 65,000 academic and general staff at 121 universities and colleges across Canada is calling for the resignation of Minister of State for Science and Technology Gary Goodyear following his unprecedented efforts to interfere with funding for a major academic conference.

CAUT has learned that Goodyear telephoned the president of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) to ask him to reconsider a peer-reviewed decision to fund an academic conference called “Israel/Palestine: Mapping models of statehood and prospects for peace” being held at York University later this month.

“It’s unprecedented for a minister – let alone a minister from the department that funds the granting councils – to intervene personally with a granting council president to suggest that he review funding for an academic conference,” said CAUT executive director James Turk. “This

kind of direct political interference in a funding decision made through an independent, peer-reviewed process is unacceptable and sets a very dangerous precedent.”

Turk said that a principal role of universities in democratic societies is to allow a full, open debate of controversial issues.

“For a minister to intervene in an effort to derail an academic conference on behalf of special interest groups is simply unacceptable, and compromises the integrity and public purpose of universities,” said Turk.

“That’s precisely what happened here – when you are the minister from the department that funds the granting councils, and you call the president of a granting council to ask him to reconsider funding, the message is very clear.”

For more information please contact James L. Turk, Executive Director, at (613) 726-5176 (office); or Kerry Pither, Communications Officer (613) 726-5186; mobile (613) 294-2203.

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Letter from Treasurer

By Dr. Shirley Van Nuland
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Membership Renewal – Payroll Deduction Available

Since Collective Agreement negotiations are not completed yet to automatically renew your UOITFA membership, and since your membership expires on June 30, 2009, the process for renewing your association with UOITFA is now underway. Please complete the **2009 – 2010 UOITFA Renewal Application** form and return it to me at the address below or as an email attachment.

Payroll deduction is now available. If you would prefer to have your Association dues deducted at source, please complete the **2009 – 2010 Payroll Deduction Authorization** form and ensure that it has been witnessed. The appropriate

membership fees, based on your rank, will be deducted over ten (10) pay periods from September 2009 to June 2010 inclusive. This will make your life (and mine!) easier since neither of us will be concerned about cheques, deposits, etc.

We have been notified that CAUT and OCUFA fees have increased this year. We have increased the UOITFA fees (about the cost of one very nice dinner!) to contribute to our costs for one course release for the Chief Negotiator during bargaining.

If you do not wish to use payroll deduction, I will of course accept one cheque for the

year's dues or six cheques dated October 1, 2009, November 1, 2009, December 1, 2009, January 1, 2010, February 1, 2010 and March 1, 2010. Please see the **2009 – 2010 UOITFA Renewal Application** for details of each payment.

Regardless of which way you choose to submit FA dues please complete the **2009 – 2010 UOITFA Renewal Application** form and return to me at **Shirley Van Nuland Faculty of Education**.

Thanks.

UOITFA Treasurer

New Secretary....

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from Clark University.

Her research focuses on the way we use the Internet to advocate for social change. The primary focus of her dissertation research was on the gendered discourse and personal narratives of cyberactivist women, or cyberconduits. She examined women's weblogs from Iran, Iraq, and Afghanistan to understand the role the Internet played in these women's everyday lives. Weblogs mirror the Internet's culture of self-disclosure and community, are designed for audiences, and provide a space for established voices to be heard while creating spaces for new voices. These new voices, or cyberconduits, are cyberfeminists who

advocate for social justice on a local level, and act as knowledge conduits by using digital media and technology such as blogging to connect with activists on a global scale. As a communication scholar, Pierce focuses on the ways we integrate communication in our everyday lives and how these, in turn, globalize our communication strategies. She has published in the areas of communication and the environment, and in the gendered politics of ICT. New interests include issues surrounding Communities of Practice, media ecology, and the political rhetoric of science.

Thanks Tess. Congratulations and welcome. **



Quick Reminder...

It is time to renew your UOITFA membership again. Please see the form on the back of this publication.

Take advantage of the new payroll deduction option (See back page for details).



2009 – 2010 RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP UNIVERSITY OF ONTARIO INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY FACULTY ASSOCIATION

I renew my membership in the University of Ontario Institute of Technology Faculty Association (“UOITFA”). In so doing I authorize UOITFA to act as my exclusive bargaining agent in all matters relating to my employment relationship with the University of Ontario Institute of Technology.

Surname: _____ **First Name:** _____

Home Address: _____

_____ **Home Phone:** _____

Rank (circle one): Professor; Associate; Assistant **Status** (circle one): Tenured; Tenure-track
Faculty: _____ **Office No:** _____ **Extension:** _____

Would you prefer emails sent to your UOIT account or other? If UOIT account, mark _____
If other, please provide the email address: _____

Rank	OCUFA	CAUT	UOITFA	TOTAL
Professor	166.49	195.60	140.00	502.09
Associate	137.30	154.32	140.00	431.62
Assistant	104.13	124.92	140.00	369.05

Membership fees are tax deductible and are based on rank. Since we are members of the Ontario Council of Faculty Associations (OCUFA), and the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT), our dues to both are based on rank. UOITFA dues are \$140.00.

I will complete the **2009 – 2010 PAYROLL DEDUCTION AUTHORIZATION** to participate in payroll deduction.

I enclose 1 cheque for the total amount based on my rank made payable to **UOITFA**.

Professor: \$ 502.09

Associate: \$ 431.62

Assistant: \$ 369.05

I enclose 6 cheques for the total amount based on my rank made payable to **UOITFA** and dated as below:

Rank	Oct 1/09	Nov. 1/09	Dec. 1/09	Jan 1/10	Feb 1/10	Mar 1/10	Total
Professor	83.68	83.68	83.68	83.68	83.68	83.69	502.09
Associate Professor	71.93	71.93	71.94	71.94	71.94	71.94	431.62
Assistant	61.50	61.51	61.51	61.51	61.51	61.51	369.05

Please note, that if you are becoming a member of the UOITFA for the first time, you will need a “new member” form. If you will be taking advantage of payroll deduction, you will need a “payroll deduction” form. These forms are available from any faculty representative, or by contacting Shirley Van Nuland at X 3419.

Please return this form and cheque(s) to **Shirley Van Nuland, Faculty of Education**.

A membership card and receipt for the tax deductible membership receipt will be sent to you on receipt of your application and payment of dues.

Signature

Date

