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Report to CAUT Council

The Contract Academic Staff Committee meets regularly by web conferencing and had a productive face-to-face meeting in August 2016.

Fair Employment Week 2016

Fair Employment Week activities took place 24–28 October on local campuses with the overarching theme “Let’s make it fair”. Members were invited to take action in support of Fair Employment Day by asking members to sign a pledge, and hundreds of members and supporters endorsed the campaign. Associations were also encouraged to support the Fight for 15\$ and fairness as well as the ILO’s International World Day for Decent Work on October 7th. There was solid take-up of events on campus in support of Fair Employment Week across the country. These activities ranged from panel discussions, film screenings, information tables and booths, to social activities such as button-making parties, luncheons and pub socials.

CAUT CAS Conference

Courtyard Marriott Downtown, Toronto, 19–21 October 2017

The Committee had a productive March teleconference meeting discussing the agenda for the CAUT CAS conference in Toronto. The conference will examine bargaining, grievance handling and mobilization issues related to Contract Academic Staff, and will also incorporate hands-on skills training to equip participants with the campaign tools necessary to restore good jobs and improve working conditions for the precariously employed. Registration is now open. Please plan to come to this important event!

The CAS Committee and CAUT staff continue to work on policy statements and model clauses, and other issues related to Contract Academic Staff.

We would like to thank Jocelyne Fortier (Committee Secretary) and Robert Johnson (Professional Officer) for their ongoing support and all of the other CAUT staff who support the work of this Committee.

Submitted by,
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