

Memorandum

Re: Recommendation for the Sarah Shorten Award

Date: October 16, 2020

To: CAUT Council

From: Pat Armstrong and Momin Rahman, Co-Chairs

The CAUT Equity Committee is pleased to recommend Geneviève Boulet for the Sarah Shorten Award. Dr. Boulet is an Associate Professor of Educational Mathematics at Mount Saint Vincent University and has held various roles at Mount Saint Vincent University Faculty Association (MSVUFA), including as the first woman Chief Negotiator.

As one of her referees attests, Geneviève Boulet has provided an inspiration to challenge patriarchal systemic oppression in higher education through her leadership in bargaining within a feminist framework and from her educational work which aims to advance women and girls in the STEM field of mathematics.

As Chief Negotiator, Dr. Boulet supported MSVUFA in a feminist review of its collective agreement, leading to many gains of importance to equity-seeking members, including:

- Improvements to leaves such as domestic violence, compassionate care and family caregiver;
- increased recognition of service work beyond formal committee work; and,
- a letter of understanding on the Recruitment and Retention of Indigenous Faculty, Librarians, and Lab Instructors.

Her teaching and professional activities aim to empower girls and women in the field of mathematics. Her efforts extend beyond her research and teaching, as she engages directly in the community, through workshops, conferences and media relations.

Dr. Boulet seeks feminist outcomes through a feminist approach emphasizing collaboration and team work, collective over individual action.

The CAUT Equity Committee is pleased to submit the name of Geneviève Boulet for this nomination.