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Committee

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Report to CAUT Council

The Collective Bargaining and Economic Benefits Committee (Ann Bigelow, University of Western Ontario; Lee Easton, Mount Royal University; Bob Davis, Kwantlen Polytechnic University; Jennifer Love Green, University of Regina; Sharon Myers, University of Prince Edward Island; Larry Savage, Brock University; Michael Shaw, University of Manitoba; and John Kingma, Syndicat des professeurs et professeures de l'Université Laval) met remotely in March and August 2020.

During this past year, the Committee continued their ongoing discussions around supports for mobilization and organizing activities, and reviewed policy statements and model clauses that were referred from other CAUT committees, the Executive, or that were up for regular review, including the Guidelines for Decision-Making within Academic Staff Associations during Collective Bargaining.

Over the last six months, the Committee has also been focused on understanding the impact of COVID-19 on collective bargaining for academic staff associations and anticipating some of the challenges that they will be facing in the months ahead. In particular, we undertook extensive discussion in the August meeting about how to adapt the organizing model to online contexts and explored ways to undertake collective action in support of collective bargaining during times of physical isolation due to social distancing and quarantine. The Committee is currently working on reviewing CAUT's collective bargaining workshop, moving the Chief Negotiators Forum online, and further brainstorming on how to provide resources to further support academic staff associations throughout the pandemic.

I look forward to seeing you at the next in-person Council.

Respectfully,

Sue Blair, Chair
Collective Bargaining and Economic Benefits Committee



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