



**Manitoba Organization of Faculty Associations  
Fédération des Associations des Professeurs Universitaires du Manitoba**

## **PRESS RELEASE: MOFA Statement in Support of APPUSB**

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Treaty 1 – The Manitoba Organization of Faculty Associations (MOFA) is very disappointed that our colleagues at l'Université Saint-Boniface been working without a collective agreement for a year. This is despite the well intentioned and cooperative bargaining efforts of the Association des professeur·es et des professionnel·les de l'Université Saint-Boniface (APPUSB) but the administration has not offered a fair and equitable agreement with your administration.

MOFA knows how much excellence in research and teaching, as well as student success—values that are undoubtedly very dear to the Université Saint-Boniface—depend on fair and equitable working conditions and a collective agreement, both in terms of retention and recruitment of professors and professionals.

Consequently, MOFA fully supports the APPUSB's demands for a more balanced teaching load that includes regular sabbaticals, for a revaluation of collegiality, and for salaries comparable to those offered to their counterparts at other public universities in Manitoba. three elements that are essential to the sustainability of the Université Saint-Boniface, a pillar of the Franco-Manitoban community.

At a time when the Manitoba government is taking concrete steps to make Manitoba a bilingual province, it is unacceptable that the Francophone community cannot enjoy a university on par with English-language institutions. The least l'Université Saint-Boniface administration can do is ensure that your professors and professionals have equal working conditions.

MOFA calls on the administration of l'Université Saint-Boniface to return to the negotiating table with the APPUSB in order to listen to its legitimate demands and conclude a collective agreement that is fair, equitable, and conducive to the continuity of high-level education and research within your university.

The Manitoba Organization of Faculty Associations (MOFA) is comprised of members of faculty associations from Brandon University, Université de Saint-Boniface, University of Manitoba, and the University of Winnipeg representing over 1,600 individual academic staff. We are based on both Treaty 1 and Treaty 2 territories, and the homeland of the Métis Nation.

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