

AUNBT news/updates/reminders

Monday April 14 2014

Special announcement

Welcome Robert Gagné

AUNBT is delighted to welcome Robert Gagné as our new professional officer. He begins his work with us today, Monday April 14.

Robert brings our members a wealth of experience. He has been with the New Brunswick Teachers' Federation since 1995, first as the Deputy Executive Director and then as the Executive Director for 14 years. Before that he had a considerable career in private law practice and with the New Brunswick Department of Justice and the Office of the Attorney General. He is a graduate of the Université de Moncton Law School. The hiring committee were immensely impressed by his interview and could not be more delighted that he has agreed to join us.

Robert will be based in the Fredericton office and will make regular visits to Saint John, and to the Moncton and Bathurst campuses by arrangement. Please feel free to drop in and introduce yourself, or contact the office to arrange to meet. You can contact Robert directly at robertgagne@aunbt.ca.

Robert will be attending the CAE wine and cheese on April 16, and plans are being made for a second visit to Saint John the following week (details TBA).

Events & meetings

CAE wine and cheese in Saint John

Wed, 16 April, 4pm – 6pm

Whitebone Lounge

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**CAE
Info/Social**
2014-04-04
Tilley 28
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Wine and cheese

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Joint Meeting of Senates

Members are reminded of the Special Joint Meeting of Senates scheduled for **Thursday April 17 at 12 noon**. UNB Senate meetings are open to all unless they move into closed session, which would normally require a motion. According to the University Secretariat,

The purpose of the meeting is for members of the University Management Committee to provide Senates with updates and clarification on UNB's overall direction, Operating activities and Finances. During the meeting, the Annual Report of the Vice-President (Finance and Corporate Services) will also be presented and discussed.

The meeting will be video-conferenced between the Harper Kent Auditorium at the Wu Conference Centre in Fredericton and Irving Hall 107 in Saint John.

Next Executive meeting

The AUNBT executive will next meet on **April 24 at 1pm**. The meeting will be video-conferenced.

Annual General Meeting

The AUNBT Annual General Meeting this year is scheduled for **Tuesday May 6, 2014 at 10am** and will be video-conferenced among Fredericton, Saint John, Moncton, and Bathurst. Materials will be made available beforehand. All members are encouraged to attend.

Elections will be held at this meeting; voting will be by secret ballot. Candidate statements will be posted on the AUNBT website on the members' page at

<<http://aunbt.ca/members-only/full-time-members/>> and distributed beforehand.

- **Bathurst** Room U352
- **Fredericton** Wu Conference Centre
- **Moncton** Room 214
- **Saint John** KC Irving Hall 101

**AUNBT
AGM**
May 6, 2014
Bathurst Rm U352
Fredericton Wu Centre
Moncton Rm 214
Saint John IH 101

10am

AUNBT Annual General Meeting
Video-conferenced
Bathurst/Fredericton/Moncton/Saint John
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Special media workshop

AUNBT would like to organize a special media workshop with David Robinson, Associate Executive Director at CAUT, for those of our members who have been acting as spokespeople for the many and varied initiatives of the past months. David has done a number of workshops for the AUNBT executive and bargaining teams/committees, as well as for the Federation of New Brunswick Faculty Associations, and attendees have always found them most useful. Members who are interested in participating, please email miriamjones@aunbt.ca with “Media workshop” in the subject line.

News & updates

Non-confidence motions

While not specifically AUNBT news, not all members may be aware of the recent expressions of non-confidence in UNB management: the Faculties of Business, Arts, Science, Engineering, Education and Law in Fredericton all passed variously-worded motions in the past few weeks. Full details are available on the Take Back UNB Facebook page, a group for all academic employees at UNB. For an invitation, please contact Marcelo Santos on FB. See also the series of recent stories in *The Brunswickan*: <<http://thebruns.ca/?s=non-confidence>>.

Fund for Sodexo Employees

AUNBT continues to collect for the Sodexo workers. Thanks to all who have generously donated; your donation has already been sent on.

UNB food services were scaled back for the three weeks of strike/lockout, a decision which resulted in considerable financial hardship for a significant group of workers: out of approximately 88 employees, only fifteen or so of the most senior maintained close to their usual hours. Those interested in contributing may send or drop off their donation, either cash or by cheque, to the main AUNBT office. Cheques should be made out to “CUPE Local 2266.” Further info.: <aunbt.ca/2014/02/11/fundraiser-for-sodexo-employees/>.

Fund for Chartwell Employees

Plans are underway to set up a parallel fund for Chartwell employees on the Saint John campus, where food services were also scaled back during the lockout/strike. Details forthcoming.

Saint John office hours

Thursday April 17 marks the last scheduled shift this term for staffing at the SJ AUNBT office. There will be people in and out of the office after that date, but no scheduled hours. We will return

to regular weekly staffing in September. Saint John members will of course still be able to meet with AUNBT representatives in Saint John, by arrangement. Please email aunbt@aunbt.ca.

Reminders

Executive Nominations

Nominations for the 2014–2015 executive must be received, in writing, no later than ten working days before the AGM i.e. by **Tues. April 22/14 at 12 noon**. Members are directed to Section C of the General By-Laws <aunbt.ca/about/constitution/> for information about the constitution and election of the executive.

Names of nominees will be distributed to members no later than seven working days before the AGM i.e. Fri. April 25/14. Elections will be by secret ballot.

All candidates are invited to submit a one-page statement for circulation to the membership. These statements are being collected on the password-protected page at <http://aunbt.ca/members-only/full-time-members/>.

For further information please email aunbt@aunbt.ca with “Nominating Committee” in the header or contact Lee Chalmers (vioquill@gmail.com), Francesca Holyoke (f.holyoke@gmail.com), or Vanda Rideout (vrideout@nbnet.nb.ca) directly.

BoG nominations

Elections are underway for three of the four positions reserved for Fredericton academic employees on the Board of Governors. As there is no other mechanism in place, for the benefit of our members AUNBT invited candidates to post statements on the AUNBT website. Those statements may be found on the password-protected page at <http://aunbt.ca/members-only/full-time-members/>.

FT Fredericton members are reminded that voting is already underway and will continue until **4pm on Tuesday April 22**. Please be sure to vote in this important election.

CAE Professional Development Fund

Did you know that over \$120,000 is now available for use by Contract Academic employees for professional development (eg, conference attendance, book and software purchase, home internet)? It's provided for in Article 27 of the CAE Collective Agreement <http://www.unb.ca/hr/_resources/pdf/cae20132016.pdf>. Applicants must hold a Multi-Year Appointment or Right of First Refusal in at least one course. The individual ceiling is \$1000 yearly (May 1st – April 30th). The application form for each campus is at <http://www.unb.ca/hr/cai/pda/index.html>. When claiming internet charges, there is an additional form to be completed: http://www.unb.ca/financialservices/_resources/pdf/accounts-payable/forms/home_internet_services.pdf. The employer reimburses the portion of home internet declared as used for academic employment purposes.

Contract Academics incur these professional expenses routinely. Given AUNBT's success in securing this fund, we urge members to claim their appropriate expenses to the limit. **April 30** is the deadline for submitting PDA claims for this term.

CAE Term Adjustment

We have been told by Human Resources that wage adjustments agreed to for those whose courses were affected by the strike and lock-out will be paid by the end of April. Please pay attention to your pay statements this month and notify us if there are any difficulties.

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