



### **The UTGSU #StandWithFaculty!**

On October 17, 2017, The Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU), who represent over 12,000 Professors, Instructors, Counsellors, and Librarians at 24 public colleges, went on strike after Ontario colleges failed to negotiate a fair collective agreement.

Ontario colleges rejected three critical proposals made by OPSEU, which were:

1. A cap on contract Faculty, which would bring the current ratio of 70:30, to 50:50 between part-time/contract and full-time Faculty
2. Increased job security for partial-load Faculty by providing them with a minimum one year contract
3. Academic freedom to give faculty a stronger voice in academic decision making.

The University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union (UTGSU) recognizes that many graduate students pursue faculty positions at public colleges and find the steady devaluation of the college system unacceptable. We believe that higher education in both a college and university setting is important not only for personal growth but to respond to the rapidly changing environment around us. Students deserve Faculty that can afford to provide them with a consistent, quality education. Filling public colleges with top-heavy administration offices while devaluing the rights of educators is inadmissible. We urge the public colleges to return to the table to negotiate a fair collective agreement.

In Solidarity with OPSEU,

**The UTGSU Executive Committee**

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