

October 16, 2019

Attention:

Mr. Tom Palangio, Board Chair

Dr. Paul Cook (d.Litt), Chancellor

Mr. Mike DeGangé, President and Vice-Chancellor

Nipissing University Board of Governors

Statement of Solidarity with Nipissing University Faculty Association


Dear Mr. Palangio, Dr. Cook, and Board Members:

CUFA BC represents over 5500 faculty at the research universities of British Columbia: University of British Columbia, University of Northern British Columbia, Royal Roads University, Simon Fraser University, and the University of Victoria. We are writing to you today to urge you to voice our concern about the situation at Nipissing University and to urge you to negotiate a fair deal for faculty.

The Nipissing University Faculty Association seeks to improve pensions for faculty members and support research at Nipissing. These goals are compatible with both the dignity of faculty and the best interests of the university itself. All faculty deserve respect and fair working conditions comparable to those of their colleagues in other institutions.

We are particularly struck by the fact that only four years after the last faculty strike at Nipissing, a strike once again looms. A second strike would be harmful to everyone. Please tell your bargaining team to avert this strike by negotiating a fair and reasonable settlement with NUFA.

Sincerely,


Dr Jacqueline Holler, President

cc: Nipissing University Faculty Association