

March 14, 2018

Dear Social Science Students,

The Department of Social Science Council met on March 14 to consider the long-term implications of the current strike by CUPE 3903. Now that the strike has entered its second week, the disruption is considered “long” by University standards (as established in Senate policies). We wish to update you on the following matters:

Remediation. Please note that *only* the Senate can set the terms and new dates for the completion of the semester. In other words, like you, faculty must wait for the Senate to make declarations on how to complete the term once we know how long the strike will last and Senate has had the opportunity to deliberate the consequences of the disruption for the W, F/W, and SU terms. The Senate communications to the university community can be found here:

<http://secretariat.info.yorku.ca/senate/labour-disruption-2018-communications/>

You may wish to take special notice of the communications dated March 12 and March 14 (and any other subsequent communications that may emerge).

Please know that *all* course directors (YUFA and CUPE) will be bound by the terms set out by Senate, once they are established. We will all do our best to provide meaningful remediation once we know what those guidelines are.

Status of SOSC courses. We are pleased to see that the faculty repository of courses listing which SOSC (and CRIM) courses are suspended and which are active is now almost up to date. However, not all suspended courses are yet listed in that repository. Where discrepancies occur, please consult the program webpages for the most up to date information (and see SOSC memo of March 6).

You may also wish to know that the Faculty Council of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies voted (overwhelmingly) to suspend all classes in LA&PS. Like you, we are waiting to learn the practical effect of this vote.

Supporting our CUPE colleagues. The Department of Social Science wishes to affirm its support of our CUPE colleagues. CUPE colleagues provide essential teaching services to the Department, as TAs and Course Directors. In addition,

many of the CUPE members are also our students. Their working environment is our shared learning environment and we support their right to strike for a fair contract. We urge the University to return to the bargaining table to negotiate a just settlement quickly.

Amanda Glasbeek
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