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**STRIKE MANDATE:
MSVU FACULTY VOTES 'YES' IN STRIKE VOTE**

With negotiations for a new collective agreement at an impasse, members of the MSVU Faculty Association have voted in favour of a strike mandate. 93% of members cast ballots and 88% of members voted in favour of a strike mandate and in support of their bargaining team. The association represents faculty, librarians, and lab instructors at MSVU and has been without a contract since June 30, 2015. “Members are frustrated with lack of progress at the bargaining table and are dedicated to maintaining comparable salaries to other Nova Scotia universities,” says Chief Negotiator Robert Farmer, “which is critical in recruiting and retaining highly qualified faculty, librarians, and lab instructors.” The MSVUFA has filed for conciliation with the NS Department of Labour. “The membership and bargaining team remain hopeful a fair agreement can be reached during conciliation,” says President Linda Mann, “and the strong strike mandate is a reflection of our collective demand that the Employer accord due respect to those who do the essential work of teaching, supervision, and research at the University: a priority for a university that boasts the largest percentage of female faculty members in Canada.”

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