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BOARD OF GOVERNORS REJECTS MOUNT SAINT VINCENT UNIVERSITY FACULTY ASSOCIATION'S  
COUNTER PROPOSALS - *STRIKE CONTINUES INTO FOURTH DAY*

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On Wednesday, February 14, the university rejected a comprehensive counter proposal submitted by the MSVUFA. In response to the MSVUFA's proposals, the university offered counters to just four articles under discussion, none of which are substantive to the major issues for the union and its membership.

The MSVUFA is eager to come to an agreement on the most significant issues so that the strike can be concluded, but unfortunately both sides remain far apart on key issues. "The campus-wide email sent by the Board of Governor's bargaining team on Wednesday evening is misleading," says Lead Negotiator, Dr. Geneviève Boulet. "The Employer has not provided a single proposal that actually puts commitment into action. We look forward to receiving a reciprocal package that meaningfully addresses our issues."

Since going on strike on February 12, 2024, the MSVUFA has continued to work toward achieving a fair and equitable collective agreement with the Employer.

The priorities remain fair compensation, concrete commitments to equity, diversity, inclusion and accessibility, and faculty working conditions which support student learning conditions. The MSVUFA remains committed to achieving an agreement with the Employer allowing for its members to return to work and for students to return to the classroom.

The MSVUFA represents more than 160 full-time faculty, librarians, and lab instructors who have been off the job for four days as of February 15, 2024.

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