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BOARD OF GOVERNORS REMAINS SILENT ON THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY ASSOCIATION'S  
COUNTER PROPOSALS - *STRIKE CONTINUES INTO EIGHTH DAY*

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The Board of Governors' (BoG) bargaining team continues its silence in response to the MSVUFA's proposals submitted on February 13.

"I am disheartened at the prolonged silence from the Board of Governors' bargaining team. This delay is harming our students and putting the semester in jeopardy," says Dr. Susan Brigham, President of the MSVUFA. "I know many members of the Board of Governors are committed to the Mount and our values as a feminist university. I hope the Board will encourage their bargaining team to continue negotiations that consider our shared commitment to end this strike."

The MSVUFA proposals presented to the BoG bargaining team on February 13, focused on a comprehensive, consistent, and affordable package that supports equity and fairness. Our package will improve the classroom experience for our students and uphold the values of MSVU as expressed in our mandate, mission statement, and strategic plan. In the spirit of fairness and compromise, we remain entirely committed to ending this strike upon receiving a fair and acceptable response from the Board of Governors bargaining team.

While the BoG bargaining team did offer counters to four articles under discussion on February 14, none of these articles are substantive to the major issues for the union and its membership. The BoG continues to avoid responding to the main articles under discussion, such as workload, leaves, and compensation.

The MSVUFA represents more than 160 full-time faculty, librarians, and lab instructors who have been off the job for eight days.

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