

**Press Release
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MOUNT SAINT VINCENT UNIVERSITY FACULTY ASSOCIATION RATIFIES COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

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Bargaining teams from Mount Saint Vincent University’s Board of Governors and the MSVU Faculty Association (MSVUFA) reached a tentative agreement shortly before 4:00am Tuesday (March 5, 2024). The agreement followed long hours at the bargaining table that extended from Saturday morning late into Monday night. The MSVUFA membership voted to ratify the agreement with a 93% majority at 4:00pm today.

Faculty will return to work on Wednesday, March 5. Classes will resume Thursday March 6. Senate will convene to determine if any changes to the length of the semester are necessary.

Ratification marks the end the second strike in the 35-year history of the MSVU Faculty Association. Susan Brigham, MSVUFA President says, “This was the longest strike in MSVU’s history. The members stood together and held the line until we got a new agreement that was fairer and more equitable than the previous agreement. How the members mobilized, stood on picket lines in all weather, and took up strike various duties was impressive. We were buoyed by the incredible support of students, staff, other unions, and community members. There is power in solidarity. We thank everyone near and far who supported the MSVUFA in our job action.”

Lead negotiator, Geneviève Boulet says, “This is just the start of making real changes that will make our university a community that learns more, cares more, and that achieves more.”

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