

CAUT Forum for Presidents

17-18 January 2020

Delta Ottawa Hotel

Agenda

Friday, January 17

08:00 – 09:00 **Breakfast** (*provided*)
Joliet Room

08:00 – 09:00 **Registration**

09:00 – 09:15 **Welcome, introductions, and overview**
Frontenac-Richelieu Room

- Brenda Austin-Smith, CAUT President
- David Robinson, CAUT Executive Director

09:15 – 10:30 **Plenary 1**
Updates from the bargaining table

Panellists will discuss trends, themes, and strategies emerging from recent negotiations.

- Bryan Hill, Brandon University Faculty Association
- Sharon Myers, University of Prince Edward Island Faculty Association
- Robert Soroka, Concordia University Part-Time Faculty Association
- Alain Viau, Syndicat des professeurs et professeurs de l'Université Laval

10:30 – 11:00 **Refreshment break**

11:00 – 12:30 **Plenary 2**
Stronger Together: Building solidarity in diverse contexts

This session explores how associations can strengthen solidarity across their diverse membership and build coalitions with students, labour, and community groups.

- Arthur Redding, York University Faculty Association
- Melanie Peacock, Mount Royal University Faculty Association
- Robin Vose, Faculty Association of the University of St. Thomas

12:30 – 13:30 **Lunch** (*provided*)
Joliet Room

13:30 – 15:00

Plenary 3*Academic freedom and freedom of expression*

There are often internal and external pressures on institutions to take action against academic staff who make public comments that some find controversial or offensive. Does academic freedom provide protection to academic staff in their extramural speech? What are the limits, if any, to our members' freedom of expression?

- Alison Hearn, Chair, CAUT Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee
- David Robinson, CAUT Executive Director

15:00 – 15:30

Refreshment break

15:30 – 17:00

Table Discussion*You can't say that, can you?*

Participants gather in small groups to consider how associations should respond to a number of scenarios involving controversial public comments made by academic staff.

18:00 – 19:00

Dinner *(provided)***Panorama**

Saturday, January 18

08:00 – 09:00 **Breakfast** *(provided)*
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09:00 – 10:30 **Plenary 4**
Open or closed: Recruitment and appointment of senior academic administrators

This session explores the extent of the use of executive search firms for the recruitment of senior academic administrators. What are the implications of the use of these firms for openness and transparency, and collegial governance? How should academic staff associations respond?

- Julia M. Wright, Dalhousie Faculty Association
- Robin Whitaker, CAUT Representative-at-large
- Marc Schroeder, CAUT Representative-at-large

10:30 – 11:00 **Refreshment break**

11:00 – 12:30 **Plenary 5**
Accommodating students

Students with special needs may request specific accommodations from academic staff, such as the ability to record lectures or being provided with alternative forms of evaluation. Such accommodations can sometimes place additional pressures on academic staff or appear to conflict with their intellectual property and other rights. What are the rights and obligations of academic staff when students request accommodations?

- David Robinson, CAUT Executive Director

12:30 – 13:30 **Lunch** *(provided)*
Joliet Room

13:30 – 15:00 **Plenary 6**
Beyond 2020: Charting our future

CAUT and its member associations face both ongoing and emerging challenges in their efforts to improve the terms and conditions of employment of academic staff; to promote and defend academic freedom, collegial governance, and the integrity of academic work; to advocate for equity and social justice; and, to lobby for affordable and high quality public post-secondary education. This facilitated session will allow participants to identify these challenges and to propose key priorities and focused strategic initiatives that CAUT could undertake to address the needs of members.

- Brenda Austin-Smith, CAUT President
- Peter McInnis, CAUT Vice-President

15:00 – 16:15 **Refreshment break**

16:15 – 17:00 **Plenary 7**
Roundtable wrap-up

This open session will provide participants with an opportunity to raise and discuss issues not covered in the agenda.

- Brenda Austin-Smith, CAUT President
- David Robinson, CAUT Executive Director