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CAUT Forum for Presidents

January 18–19, 2019 — Marriott Ottawa Hotel

Forum Overview

This event is an opportunity for the leadership of academic staff associations to meet peers from across Canada, share high level discussion on key political and organizational challenges, and build networks of contact and support — all with the goal of strengthening our ability to advance the interests of our members. Through presentations and plenary discussions, this year's Forum will explore recent bargaining trends, legal developments affecting academic staff, handling employer requests for medical information of members, advancing equity, promoting collegial governance, and exploring debates about free speech and academic freedom on campus.

Agenda

Friday, January 18th

08:00 – 09:00 **Registration and breakfast** *(provided)*
Cartier III

09:00 – 09:30 **Welcome, introductions & forum overview**
Cartier I and II
- James Compton, President
- David Robinson, Executive Director

09:30 – 10:45 **Plenary one - Updates from the bargaining table**
Panellists will discuss the trends and themes emerging during recent rounds of negotiations.

- Robin Whitaker, Memorial University of Newfoundland Faculty Association
- Jean Portugais, Syndicat général des professeurs et professeures de l'Université de Montréal
- Kevin Kane, Association of Academic Staff University of Alberta

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10:45 – 11:15 **Refreshment break**

11:15 – 12:30 **Plenary two - The law review: Legal developments affecting academic staff associations**
This session will provide an overview of recent decisions and developments from the courts, grievance awards, and legislatures, focussing on the implications for academic staff associations and their members' rights.

- Peter Barnacle, CAUT General Counsel

12:30 – 14:00 **Lunch** *(provided)*
Cartier III

14:00 – 15:30 **Plenary three** – **The doctor's note**
What information can the administration request when one of your members is absent for medical reasons, or requires accommodation upon return to work? What are the rights and obligations of your members in these cases?

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15:30 – 16:00 **Refreshment break**

16:00 – 17:30 **Plenary four – Collegial governance: What way forward?**
Academic staff associations continue to struggle with concerns about the erosion and weakening of collegial governance in universities and colleges. What are the key challenges and how can they be overcome?

- Marc Schroeder, Representative-at-large, CAUT Executive Committee
- Amanda Burke, Nipissing University Faculty Association
- Art Redding, York University Faculty Association

18:00 – 19:00 **Dinner** *(provided)*
Summit

Saturday, January 19th

08:00 – 09:00 **Breakfast** *(provided)*
Cartier III

09:00 – 10:30 **Plenary five - Advancing equity**
This session explores ways that academic staff associations are using collective bargaining and other tools to promote equity within the academy.

- Susan Spronk, Association of Professors of the University of Ottawa
- Gautam Das, Lakehead University Faculty Association
- Jacqueline Romanow, University of Winnipeg Faculty Association

10:30 – 11:00 **Refreshment break**

11:00 – 12:30 **Plenary six – Association governance**
There are wide variations in the way that academic staff associations are structured and governed. What are the different models of association governance, and what are their strengths and weaknesses?

- Cynthia Messenger, University of Toronto Faculty Association
- Mathieu Lang, Association des bibliothécaires, professeures et professeurs de l'Université de Moncton
- Melanie Peacock, Mount Royal University Faculty Association

12:30 – 14:00 **Lunch** *(provided)*
Cartier III

14:00 – 15:30 **Plenary seven – Free speech and academic freedom**
Free expression and academic freedom have been foundational values of universities and colleges. Today, however, these freedoms have been increasingly politicized, contested, and conflated. How should academic staff associations respond?

- Penni Stewart, Harry Crowe Foundation
- David Monod, Wilfrid Laurier University Faculty Association
- Michelle Weber, Brock University Faculty Association

15:30 – 16:00 **Refreshment break**

16:00 – 17:30 **Plenary eight** - **Roundtable wrap-up**
This open session will provide participants with an opportunity to raise and discuss issues not covered in the agenda.