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To: Presidents and Administrative Officers
Local, Federated and Provincial Associations

From: David Robinson, Executive Director

Re: **Fair Employment Week (FEW) October 17 – 21, 2022: Updates and Online Event Registration**

Fair Employment Week (FEW) is CAUT's annual campaign to raise awareness about precarious employment on campus and to support member association's organizing efforts to improve the working conditions of contract academic staff (CAS).

As part of FEW activities, CAUT will be organizing online events for contract academic staff, allowing participants to network with one another and discuss the issues they are facing. Online events will include:

1. Keynote address - Wednesday, October 19, 1:00 pm (Eastern Time)

Organizing to Win for Contract Academic Staff

Open University is the largest provider of distance learning in the UK with the majority of instruction provided by over 4,800 Associate Lecturers (ALs), who are employed on casualized contracts.

In their latest round of bargaining, ALs won permanent contracts. Hear from Richard Bradbury – a member of the bargaining team at Open University and member of the Executive Committee of the University and College Union in the UK – about how they won this historic victory.

Register [here](#).

2. Social Media Day of Action - Wednesday, October 19

Help spread the word online about Fair Employment Week and the realities of precarious employment on our campuses.

CAUT has developed a [social media tool kit](#) (see attached) and [digital resources](#) to support associations' engagement in this day of action.

Remember to use the hashtags **#MakeitFar** and **#Fairness4CAS**.

3. Virtual Contract Academic Staff Social - Friday, October 21, 1:00 pm (Eastern Time)

Contract academic staff from across the country are invited to an informal Zoom social to talk about the unique issues facing CAS, discuss strategies to improve working conditions, and join in celebration of the work and contributions CAS make to our universities and colleges.

Register [here](#).