

January 19, 2022

Dr. Greg Keefe President (Interim) University of Prince Edward Island

RE: COVID-19 Winter 2022 – Health & Safety Concerns

Dear Interim President Keefe:

We are writing to you in our capacity as representatives for the UPEI campus unions to formally request an online meeting with you, the Vice-President Administration and Finance, and the Interim Vice-President Academic and Research. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss both ongoing and emerging urgent health and safety concerns as well as preparations for Winter 2022 that have implications for our members and the entire campus community. These issues include:

- the communication of health and safety protocols for UPEI Facilities workers
- protocols for individuals who are self-isolating
- security for individuals who are isolating
- HVAC technicians and maintenance
- supply of masks to meet current and evolving CPHO guidelines
- Winter 2022 Operational Plan consultations
- teaching / research supports
- accommodation requests
- UPEI Faculty Association survey
- PEI CPHO memorandums

We believe it is vital for UPEI workers' concerns to be taken into consideration as UPEI makes preparations for Winter 2022 and beyond. As the designated

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representatives of UPEI unionized workers, we urge you to meet with us to ensure that our members' voices are heard and that adequate supports are in place to assist our members as they fulfill their various roles across campus.

Sincerely,

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President

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cc: Mr. Pat Sinnott, Chair, UPEI Board of Governors

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