



YorkIsUs Is Conducting Essential Field Research

Toronto, April 22, 2009 - The membership of CUPE 3903 has been asked to ratify a contract with our revered employer, York University. The options are very clear: Vote no and an arbitrator will impose a contract. Vote yes and we become complicit in an unjust process. Feeling stuck? Think your vote doesn't count? It does with us! We want to tell McGuinty how much we appreciate the chance not to participate in the collective bargaining process. Fill out the questionnaire below and return it to a YIU agent on Friday, April 24, at the rally at Queen's Park or drop it off at the designated collection box we will sneak into the CUPE office.

Membership Survey

1. Who do you want to get fucked by the most?

- McGuinty
- Shoukri
- CUPE

2. What I enjoyed most about the strike was:

- Walking a picket line for 85 days
- Going without pay for 85 days
- That no one noticed my right to strike was taken away with the Back to Work Legislation

3. We defeated the forced rat vote so that:

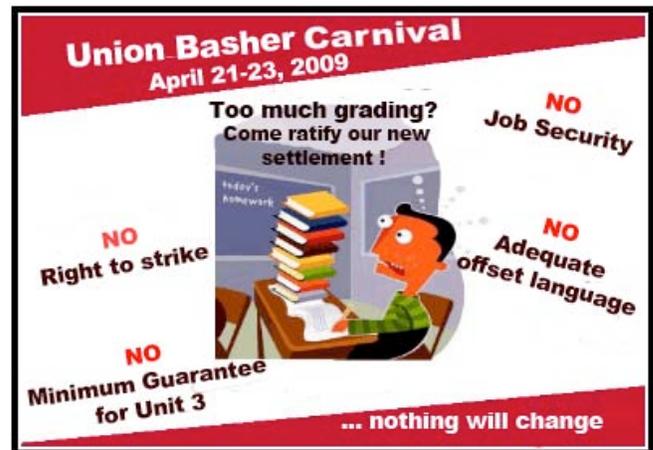
- We could return to the picket line for a little longer
- We could vote yes to something similar when the weather was nicer
- We were feeling silly and thought it meant something

4. What I enjoy most about this contract is:

- Voting for an offset letter that has no legal power
- Voting for job security which lasts only 3 years
- Voting for no minimum guarantee funding for graduate assistants

5. What I also enjoy about this contract is:

- That I'm voting for something which will be imposed anyway
- That I'm voting for something which has not been endorsed by my elected bargaining team and executive
- That I'm voting for something which will set a dangerous precedent for future negotiations



6. What I don't like about this contract is:

- It doesn't contain enough concessions
- It doesn't contain language which states how greedy I am
- It is only going to last 3 years

7. What I have most enjoyed about this whole process is:

- The way York has made me feel valued and appreciated (by taking my money to pay for my benefits)
- The way the government has made me feel valued and appreciated (by saving me from walking in a circle for a little bit longer)
- The way CUPE has made me feel valued and appreciated (by not telling me how to vote)



8. York to the power of 50 means:

- York will pay a marketing firm but not pay for the childcare of employees
- 50 more years of labour strife
- Nothing: the slogan makes no sense

9. LSTA: circle your favourite:

- a. Left Still Teaching Agreement
- b. Long Standing Tutorial Assistant
- c. Long Standing Tenure Abuse
- d. Laughing (at) Such (contract) Teaching Addiction
- e. Lack (of) Security: Teaching Abuse
- f. Living So Tenuously Appointed
- g. Long Service Teaching Appointment
- h. Long-term Sorrow, Tension, and Anxiety
- i. "Let them eat cake" in another language

Left and top: Ratification ballot collection and counting.

York's 50th Birthday Bash Rehearsal

On Thursday, March 26, 2009, York University marked a momentous occasion—the 50th anniversary of the York University Act. Year-long celebrations will include numerous "U50" events showcasing 50 years of York's administration relentless pursuit of profit and of successes built on the backs of workers.

"U50" celebrations were kicked off with a birthday bash rehearsal, also attended by Premier McGuinty. President Shoukri thanked the Premier for supporting his policy of no labour relations. "Thanks to you we're finally off the hook. *They* are back to work and *we* are off to party! I love doing business with you!"

Picture from left to right: Premier McGuinty, Rob Lawson, Barry Miller, President Shoukri, Alex Bylik during the birthday rehearsal



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50 to the power of York = 0

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