

The Part-Time Times

A newsletter for Ontario community college part-time employees and friends

Quality college education conference

Join us in Toronto Sept. 15: It's about quality

The rights of part-time college workers are a priority for OPSEU! While we are making significant progress, the provincial election provides us with a special opportunity to publicize the need for these workers to have the right to bargain collectively.

OPSEU and OPSECAAT are holding a conference Sept. 15 titled "Quality College Education: Changing our Future." The conference is open to full-time faculty and support staff in the colleges, part-time faculty and support staff and others interested in quality post-secondary education in Ontario. The focus is on how we can work to ensure the next Ontario government commits to quality education in our colleges.

OPSEU will cover the costs of two OPSEU members (one Academic and one Support) from each college as well as two part-time representatives (one faculty and one support) to attend. This means travel and accommodation (twin-shared) and expenses will be paid for four representatives from each college who have to travel more than 60 km. to attend this conference.

OPSEU locals can send additional members, but at the local's expense. Other part-time college workers are also encouraged to attend - but at their own expense. Registration is limited to 200, so don't delay!

Save the Date:

September 15, 2007
9:30 am to 4:00 pm
The Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE)
252 Bloor St. West, Toronto, ON

For more information, please contact Brenda Wall or Crystal Hiltz at OPSEU at 1-800-268-7376/ 416-443-8888 email: bwall@opseu.org ext. 8261 or chiltz@opseu.org ext. 8202

Locals and committees are asked to submit names by Wed. Aug. 29, 2007 to Brenda Wall or Crystal Hiltz at OPSEU head office, as above. A confirmation letter will be sent during the week of Sept. 4 - 7, 2007. Sponsored OPSEU members and OPSECAAT representatives will be reimbursed for the cost of a twin-shared room as per OPSEU policy and as claimed on a member expense claim form .

Please call the Holiday Inn Toronto Midtown directly by August 24, 2007 to make your hotel

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PLEASE POST AND SHARE WITH PART-TIME WORKERS

Van on the road for fairness for part-time college workers

By Roger Couvrette, President, OPSECAAT

The OPSECAAT van is on the road!

Colourfully covered with logos and slogans, the van is designed to create an immediate stir when it shows up at political and college events.

At the van's inaugural event July 6, Minister John Gerretsen (Municipal Affairs and Housing) showed his support for us by having his photo taken in front of the van.

Since then the van has been at a half-dozen political events. We spent a week in the Ottawa area at political events and visiting MPP constituency offices. The blackberries start humming when we show up.

This was especially true when we appeared at a nomination meeting in Scarborough where Premier McGuinty was the guest speaker. I spoke with McGuinty explaining our problems and goals. He was quite receptive and agreed to do some serious follow-up.

We've met with many other cabinet ministers, MPPs, and candidates in the next provincial



OPSECAAT President Roger Couvrette and Vice-president Candy Lindsay with the OPSECAAT Van

election. And we will meet with many more!

We're on the road until Election Day Oct. 10. The van is also available for labour day and college events – especially fall 'welcome back' events – so don't hesitate to get in touch if you have an event for the OPSECAAT van.

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reservation. Please note that members living within 60 kms. of Toronto are not entitled to a room - and only those sponsored from each college will be reimbursed.

The Holiday Inn Toronto Midtown has set aside rooms for conference participants at a special rate. Reservations are to be made directly with the hotel. When making a reservation, please say you are with the OPSEU Quality Education conference (Group Code: QCE-OPSEU Quality College Education Conference).

Details:

Holiday Inn Toronto Midtown
280 Bloor St. West, Toronto, ON M5S 1V8
Phone: 416- 969 0010
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If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Wall at 416-443-8888/1-800-268-7376, extension 8261 or Crystal Hiltz at extension 8202. We look forward to seeing you there!

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