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Changes to Benefit Premiums

As a result of plan usage:

- ◆ Extended Health premiums will increase by 9% effective mid-March pay
- ◆ Dental premiums will increase by 4% effective mid-March pay
- ◆ Long Term Disability premium subsidy of 50% will continue for another year
- ◆ Life Insurance premiums will decrease by 6.2% effective the mid-April pay

For information on the dollar costs of these changes, see: <http://www.caut.ca/cuasa/>

Quality Matters to Academic Staff: OCUFA, Lobbying and You

The Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations is calling on Ontario academic staff members to help lobby the provincial government. The 2008 provincial budget is fast approaching, and it is time once again for Ontario's faculty and academic librarians to come together and voice their concerns to government about threats to quality education, like growing student faculty ratios, workload, and increasing class sizes.

Your participation is critical if we are to move the government to provide the level of operating funding that is required to give Ontario students the quality education they deserve.

Governments sometimes move on the basis of doing what is right, and what is good for the long term benefit of the province. However, in most instances, governments respond to what they see as public demand. It is time to let the government and opposition know that providing universities with the operating and capital funding that they require, is not only the right thing to do but also the politically wise course of action.

One thing that you can do today is visit the Quality Matters website: www.quality-matters.ca

This web site includes background information and research. But perhaps most importantly, it has an action centre which will automatically put you in contact with your local MPP. You will find a draft letter, asking your MPP to support post secondary education. You are encouraged to amend this letter to reflect your own experience.

The success of the Quality Matters campaign depends on your involvement. Certainly there is strength in numbers, and with faculty across the province voicing their concerns together, we can use the strength we have as a collective to advocate for improved higher education funding and improved faculty benefits.

Tenure/Confirmation and Promotion Workshop

CUASA will be holding a Tenure/Confirmation and Promotion Workshop on Wednesday, April 9 from 9:30 a.m. to noon in Room 102 Library. As there are only 45 seats available, please register if you plan to attend. You may phone the office at 5607 or email cuasa@carleton.ca to reserve your seat.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held **Tuesday, April 8, 2008 from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. in Room 624 Southam Hall.** Guest speakers will include the OCUFA President, Brian Brown and OCUFA Executive Director, Henry Mandelbaum. All CUASA members are strongly urged to attend.

Athletics Grievance Resolution

Effective immediately, Athletics will provide members with free access to:

- ◆ the squash courts for 4 hours/day (Mon-Fri);
- ◆ the cardio room for 2 hours/day (Mon-Fri); and
- ◆ 2 tennis courts for 1 hour/day (Mon-Fri) and open recreation times shall be scheduled for CUASA members for free access during the spring/summer to the outdoor court (access schedule to be determined).