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SFUO-UOSU Joint Statement on the Continuation of Services and Employee Layoffs

Following the referendum results on February 11, 2019, the University of Ottawa administration announced that the University of Ottawa Students' Union (UOSU) would have to hold an additional referendum on student fees to secure its funding. Since then, the Student Federation of the University of Ottawa (SFUO) has been working to prepare for its dissolution.

Given that the UOSU must hold a student fees referendum in order to secure funding, the SFUO must move forward with certain steps to safeguard its employees' labour rights. As the SFUO will not be operating past April 30, 2019, it has the responsibility, as per the Employment Standards Act, to give sufficient notice to its employees.

The UOSU's referendum committee has expressed its commitment to becoming the new employer and has reached out to CUPE 4943, the union representing workers within the SFUO, to begin establishing a recall process for the SFUO's unionized employees.

The SFUO and UOSU are committed to working together to mitigate impacts that will result from a transition of unions representing undergraduate students at the University of Ottawa as best as possible. We share a common goal of preserving the student services, businesses and programs that exist for students, by students.

Due to the Government of Ontario's recent announcements on the Student Choice Initiative and OSAP funding, the future of our services, businesses, and Federated Bodies is precarious. The only way to guarantee the continuation of these services previously voted upon by students is to vote YES in the upcoming UOSU referendum, which will take place alongside their elections from April 3-5, 2019.

Student jobs, clubs funding, programs, and academic support services will depend on your ballot. We strongly urge all undergraduate students to vote YES in the upcoming UOSU referendum. The SFUO has committed to doing everything in its power to ensure the continuation of student resources, and the UOSU is devoted to supporting the SFUO in this



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transition period to avoid any unnecessary loss of resources. Any change to service continuity will be announced to students accordingly.

In solidarity,

The Student Federation of the University of Ottawa (SFUO) and the University of Ottawa Students' Union (UOSU)