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## **PSAC supports Université du Québec en Outaouais students in their fight against increases in ancillary fees**

GATINEAU - The Public Service Alliance of Canada in the National Capital Region is supporting the students of the Université du Québec en Outaouais (UQO) who are fighting a rise in ancillary fees.

"I looked very favorably upon an initiative of this type being organized in the region," explained Ed Cashman, the PSAC Regional Vice President in the NCR. "The UQO students are waging the most vibrant campaign of all the universities in the Université du Québec network. PSAC is fully supportive of them. The students are not only fighting an increase in administrative costs but also a vision of society that is placing increased pressure on its least privileged members," added Mr. Cashman.

This support was further strengthened by a motion adopted by the PSAC Conseil régional d'action politique de l'Outaouais (CRAPO). Earlier this week, the Executive Committee adopted a resolution supporting the students of the Université du Québec en Outaouais. CRAPO is also supporting the steps which the students are taking to prevent the University's administration from increasing ancillary fees.

"If the UQO goes ahead with his increase, students will have to pay an additional \$150 a year. They are already in a rather precarious situation as it is, and this would only make matters worse for them," said Daniel Charron, the president of CRAPO which represents 15,000 PSAC members living in the Outaouais.

The PSAC is appealing to other organizations devoted to social change in the Outaouais region and is inviting them to speak out in favor of the student mobilization and support the students in their actions. It is essential that they take the steps required to preserve accessibility to post-secondary education for the entire population of Quebec.

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