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RE: SGPS COUNCIL RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF TAFE

Dear Diana Zawadzki,

At the May 13, 2008 meeting of the SGPS Council, the Council voted without opposition to approve the following resolution in support of TAFE:

WHEREAS the SGPS faces increasing difficulties representing Teaching Assistants and Teaching Fellows as workers on the Queen's University Campus; and

WHEREAS working conditions for Teaching Assistants and Teaching Fellows on the Queen's University Campus continue to deteriorate; and

WHEREAS a group of Teaching Assistants and Teaching Fellows who are SGPS members have organised under the name Teaching Assistants and Fellows Association (TAFE) for the purpose of unionizing Teaching Assistants and Teaching Fellows at Queen's University; and

WHEREAS the SGPS Council has previously approved a report produced by a special committee supporting unionization;

Be it resolved that the SGPS fully supports the unionization efforts of TAFE.

We at the SGPS hope to open lines of communication between TAFE organizers and other TAs and TFs on campus in order to better inform our members and the campus community about TAFE and the benefits it is seeking to secure for our members.

We are pleased that TAFE has undertaken to organize our members for the purpose of providing a student voice into TA and TF packages; securing better terms for our members; avoiding arbitrary changes to TA and TF packages; establishing a more transparent TA and TF system; and minimizing the impact of budget cuts on our members.

Thank you for your time and effort.

Sincerely,

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