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Dear Trent University Faculty Association,

On behalf of our members, we are writing to express our profound gratitude for your advocacy in defence of the Laurentian University Faculty Association.

OCUFA recently informed us that during the week of Feb. 22-26, you met with provincial MPPs to urge adequate funding for Laurentian to sustain its programs and avoid job cuts. Along with our fellow faculty associations, this was part of a social media blitz that OCUFA led.

We are profoundly grateful for your initiative to show solidarity with us during this perilous time.

The university declared insolvency on Feb. 1, having persuaded the courts to invoke a brutal “re-structuring” of our public institution under the Companies’ Creditors Arrangement Act – the first time any public institution has been placed under such a court-led process.

Minister Ross Romano of the provincial Conservative government was briefed months in advance of the looming fiscal crisis, yet failed to act in a proactive way, simply commissioning a report, the contents of which may not be made public.

Laurentian’s descent into insolvency is a complicated, messy story involving administrative mismanagement at the local level and the provincial failure to address the fiscal fall-out for universities as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. Damaging provincial measures such as the ten percent cut and subsequent freeze on tuition fees with no compensation made the situation even worse.

Laurentian is shaping up as the canary in the coal mine. It is imperative that this never happen again.

Once again, our sincere thanks for your efforts.

In solidarity,

Jean-Charles Cachon  
on behalf of the LUFA Executive