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AMASCS – New Faculty Union at McGill Certified

Fourth Faculty Union at McGill University certified

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The Association of McGill Academic staff of the School of Continuing Studies (AMASCS) is the latest faculty union at McGill to be certified by the Tribunal Administratif du Travail (TAT) in Quebec.

A short signing campaign in autumn 2024 resulted in a supermajority of academic staff at the School of Continuing Studies signing membership

cards to join AMASCS and authorize it to seek union certification under the Quebec Labour Code. AMASCS was certified by the TAT on December 31, 2024, as a bargaining unit with the authority to negotiate a collective agreement with the employer, McGill University.

The relative ease of the certification process is thanks to the efforts of the Association of McGill Professors of Law (AMPL), whose two-year struggle with the employer (McGill) paved the way for the subsequent Unions at the faculties of Education (AMPE) and Arts (AMFA), and School of Continuing Studies (AMASCS) to be certified.

"AMASCS will give academic staff at the School of Continuing Studies the opportunity to speak with a unified voice to address a lack of transparency in the School's governance, among other things," says interim Vice-president Margaret Levey. "The School of Continuing Studies at McGill has an important mandate to make university-level education accessible. However, it has become increasingly difficult for us to do our jobs in the face of the employer's changing expectations and a lack of clarity about the role and function of academic staff at the School. AMASCS looks forward to working with the employer towards achieving clarity and strengthening the School's ability to fulfill its important mandate to the benefit of the students, staff, and School."

About AMASCS

The Association of McGill Academic staff of the School of Continuing Studies (AMASCS) is an association of employees certified as a bargaining unit under the Quebec Labour code whose purpose is the study, safeguarding and development of the economic, social and educational interests of its members and particularly the negotiation and application of collective agreements.