

Dear International Student:

We promised to keep you updated on any developments regarding a possible faculty strike. The Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU), the union that represents faculty at all Ontario colleges including Sheridan may go on strike as of Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. Negotiations may continue until the deadline, but we hope both sides work toward a resolution. An update on these negotiations is available at <http://strikeinfo.sheridancollege.ca>

We want to assure you that labour negotiations are a normal part of Canadian business practices, and negotiations are a respectful process. We are here to support you and will continue keeping you informed.

What will happen if a strike occurs?

- Sheridan services including the International Centre will continue to operate as usual providing support and programming
- If the faculty go on strike, all classes will be cancelled until the issue is resolved. Sheridan will notify you by e-mail (and by the iCent app), as well as through posts on the website if classes are cancelled on Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. This decision will be made by 6:30 a.m. on Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.
- When you arrive on campus, you may see picketers (in this case faculty) carrying signs stating the nature of the dispute. You may also experience delays in entering the campus. Faculty may speak to you about their concerns and share printed material.
- AccessSheridan will still be available for student access to e-mail, SLATE, and other on-line services
- Professors will not be responding to their email during the strike

Definitions

Strike: a work stoppage undertaken in support of a bargaining position or in protest of some aspect of a previous agreement or proposed agreement.


Picket line: a boundary established by workers (your professors in this case), typically at the entrance to the place of work. It is up to you whether or not you choose to cross the picket line.

As always, the International Centre is available to assist with any specific questions or concerns:

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We will also be holding drop-in sessions throughout the week to answer any questions you may have. Please look out for our emails in the upcoming days.

Sincerely,



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