

TO: All MUNFA Members

FROM: The MUNFA Executive

DATE: September 21, 2017

SUBJECT: New MUNFA Office Space

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Since MUNFA's inception, not only has our membership grown but the amount of work we undertake on behalf of that membership has also increased. To support this work MUNFA is asking that ASMs contact us if they are aware of any vacant or underutilized space throughout the University which could house our staff complement of five. If you are, or become, aware of potentially available space please contact [munfa@mun.ca](mailto:munfa@mun.ca).

Memorial University of Newfoundland Faculty Association (MUNFA) was certified by the Newfoundland Labour Relations Board as the bargaining agent for Academic Staff Members (ASMs) at Memorial University in 1988. MUNFA signed its first Collective Agreement with the University in 1989. Since that time, the University has grown considerably by almost every measure conceivable. Even so, as an organization, MUNFA has been forced to remain in the original space allotted to us on the St. John's campus, ER4047, ER4048, and ER4049, for a period of almost 30 years.

In January of 2017, MUNFA wrote to Faculty Relations requesting additional office space. On February 3, 2017, Faculty Relations replied to MUNFA that the University was unwilling to allocate further space to our organization. On August 4, 2017 MUNFA once again contacted Faculty Relations requesting additional office space, this time suggesting known vacant or underutilized space on campus. On August 18, 2017, the University replied, once again denying this request.

Additional space would ensure all of our staff are located in a single building and that we can always provide a private space to meet with Faculty members when they face difficult situations. This space would allow MUNFA to more effectively meet the needs of our members.