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**REPORT TO THE PRAIRIE REGION COUNCIL**
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## University of Alberta:

PSAC Prairie Region recently signed a service agreement with the Academically Employed graduate students, members of University of Alberta Graduate Students' Association.

Through this service agreement PSAC expands their invaluable work with graduate student associations and unions from across Canada, including the University of Calgary and the University of Lethbridge. The service agreement with the University of Alberta GSA will be strengthened by the expertise and additional resources PSAC will be able to provide, to support and amplify graduate student workers' rights and protections on campus.

## University of Calgary:

PSAC Prairie Region recently signed a service agreement with the members of the Graduate Students' Association of the University of Calgary.

The recent contraction of university budgeting has placed graduate student workers in an untenable situation. The additional resources and support provided through the agreement with PSAC will assist academically employed graduate students in upholding and protecting their rights as workers.

## University of Lethbridge:

PSAC Prairie Region recently signed a service agreement with the members of the University of Lethbridge Graduate Association (ULGA).

In 2016, the University of Lethbridge Graduate Students' Association (ULGSA) was named the bargaining agent of all academically employed graduate students at the University of Lethbridge. Unionization has greatly benefited graduate student workers, however the precarious nature of graduate student work and limited labour relations experience posed challenges in negotiating collective agreements and maintaining stability of the union.

## Casino Regina:

Members at Casino Regina face an employer that willingly breaks the CBA in more ways than one. One major issue recently was contracting out work of Slot Technicians

to a moving company.  The Local and some volunteers held a plant gate at the employee entrance for signatures for a petition.  I would like to thank Diane White and Marianne Hladun for their help with my local on this and many other issues that this hard headed employer throws at us.

Also dealing with the absurd timelines the Saskatchewan Government imposed for the mandatory vaccinations.  Members have been suspended and a couple are pretty close to termination.

In Solidarity,

Michelle Lang