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### **Concordia University union members demonstrate in support of striking university library employees**

Montreal, February 5, 2020 – Members of several Concordia University unions gathered in Place Norman Bethune on Wednesday to offer their support to members of the Concordia University Library Employees' Union (CULEU–CSN) who were holding a lunch-hour strike.

“Negotiations have stalled since the beginning of the year,” stated Kent Cluff, union president. “We are hoping the process will start moving forward now that management can see the entire Concordia community is behind us.”

“I am really proud to see everyone who has come out today in support of their fellow workers,” announced Véronique de Sève, CSN vice-president. “Once again, we observe how everybody in the great CSN family sticks together.”

This is the second time in less than a month that library employees have engaged in strike action. Their contract expired nearly two and a half years ago. During a general assembly last November, they voted in favour of an eight-hour strike mandate and the creation of a financial support fund for striking workers.

“It is never easy when negotiations stretch over such a long period of time,” explained Bertrand Guibord, secretary general of the Conseil central du Montréal métropolitain (CCMM–CSN). “Solidarity is key during these times as it is often what gives us the courage to carry on and fight. Members need to know they have the full support of the other unions at the university and the CSN.”

“Negotiations have been at a standstill for a year due to the employer’s stubbornness,” noted Jean-Pierre Bourgault, vice-president and treasurer of the Fédération des employées et employés de services publics (FEESP–CSN). “It is time for the employer to be reasonable and show a real desire to reach an agreement.”

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