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Dr. Patrick Deane
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Dear Dr. Deane:

The Simon Fraser University Faculty Association (SFUFA) understands that collective bargaining between McMaster University and the McMaster University Academic Librarians' Association (MUALA) has been difficult, and that the University may be seeking to remove or deny provisions that are found in other academic librarians' agreements across Canada. We appreciate that bargaining is complex, and that the interests of both parties do not always align. We are concerned, however, that MUALA has been without an agreement since July 31st, 2015, and that even matters that are standard in similar agreements appear to be at issue. We would urge you re-double efforts to reach a speedy and equitable outcome and an agreement that recognizes the important work and research undertaken by academic librarians.

Regards,

Neil Abramson
President, Simon Fraser University Faculty Association

cc: Laura Banfield, President, McMaster University Academic Librarians' Association