

University announcement and MyCampus

### **Important information for UOIT students regarding potential Durham College support staff strike**

The start of the 2011-2012 academic year is right around the corner and all UOIT students (new and returning) should be aware of an important issue that could impact the start of the year. Our partner on campus, Durham College, is a member of the College Compensation and Appointments Council (CCAC). The CCAC bargains provincially for all Ontario Community Colleges and is currently bargaining with the Ontario Public Sector Employees Union (OPSEU), which represents all academic staff in colleges across the province.

Support staff employees at all 24 Ontario colleges are governed by a collective agreement between OPSEU and the College Employer Council. This agreement is set to expire at midnight on Wednesday, August 31. If a new agreement is not reached by that time, support staff employees at Durham College could be in a legal strike position as of Thursday, September 1.

Since we share a campus location and some of our services are shared with Durham College, a strike by their support staff may result in longer than normal wait times for a number of the services traditionally accessed at the start of the academic year.

While UOIT remains hopeful that an agreement will be reached, we encourage you to take advantage of the many student services available prior to September. This includes registering for classes, making tuition payments, getting campus ID cards, picking up Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) funding, laptop pickup, signing up for meal plans, purchasing parking passes, etc.

Students can visit campus or go online now to take advantage of shorter wait times and quicker services, allowing you to spend your first weeks on campus adjusting to classes and spending time with friends instead of waiting in potentially long line ups.

Students are encouraged to:

- Consult the Registration Guide 2011-2012 available on MyCampus for step-by-step instructions on the process of becoming a student, including instructions on registering for courses, obtaining a timetable, picking up your laptop, purchasing parking permits and more;
- Students should visit [Student finances](#) on the UOIT website for tuition payment plan details. Tuition payments can be made in person (certified cheques or money orders only) at the north Oshawa location, in the Office of the Registrar, U5 portable, Room 68;
- Obtain a student ID card at the north Oshawa location, in the Gordon Willey building, G-Wing, Room 213 (new students) or Room 1004 (returning students);
- Arrange [laptop pick-up](#);
- Pick up OSAP in person at the north Oshawa location, in the Business and Information Technology building (UB), second-floor Mezzanine, from August 24 to September 23 between 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Saturday, September 3, OSAP distribution will take place at the same location between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Please note: returning students are not required to make an appointment. First-time OSAP recipients are required to book and attend an information session to receive their documents. After September 23, OSAP distribution will be available in the U5 portable, Room 68;
- Students in the Faculty of Education and the Faculty of Social Science and Humanities can pick up their OSAP documents in downtown Oshawa at the Student Awards and Financial Aid (SAFA)

office located at the 61 Charles Street building in Room 120. The office is open from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

- Sign up and pay for a meal plan at the north Oshawa location, in the Gordon Willey building, B-Wing, Room 150 or [pay online](#);
- Obtain a parking pass via the [parking pass website](#);
- Buy books at the Campus Book store or via the [Campus Bookstore website](#);
- Arrange for [on-campus](#) or [off-campus](#) housing;
- Bring student ID cards to the [Campus Library](#) for authentication; and
- Visit the [Student Association \(Your SA\)](#) to learn more about on-campus clubs, the pub, Your SA services and more.

We are committed to keeping you up to date and look forward to continuing to serve your needs. New information will be posted on MyCampus and the [UOIT website](#).