

December 12, 2020

Dear Contract Student Educators of the Department of East Asian Studies and East Asian Studies Graduate Student Union (EASGSU),

We, the undersigned members of faculty and staff of the Department of East Asian Studies, write to support and endorse the principles of the platform you communicated to us at the beginning of December 2020.

Though a small department, EAS offers courses to a large undergraduate population at the University of Toronto. Contract student educators shoulder an important part of teaching duties, while having their own studies and research to keep in mind. EAS faculty and staff truly honor your valuable contributions to successful undergraduate teaching in our department, and recognize your needs.

We especially appreciate the extra efforts graduate student teachers and workers have made during this challenging time of the pandemic, and admire your commitment to providing the highest quality teaching for our undergraduate students. Your spirit of solidarity, courage, and mutual support has been an inspiration for all in the department.

We hope that you will receive an open-minded and fair response to your collective action.

Signed Faculty and Staff Members of EAS,

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