

# Linguistics

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Dear Graduate Educators in Linguistics,

I welcome your letter of 1-25-21 requesting support for the Teaching Assistants, Course Instructors and Invigilators in Linguistics. It was good to hear your update on the current status of the CUPE bargaining process.

As you know, in my role as Chair of Linguistics, I am a member of the University Administration and, in this capacity, I cannot formally endorse the statement of support you request.

However, as a faculty member at the University, I have a different status. As a teacher/researcher, I would like to express my empathy and understanding of your situation. Indeed, your circumstances reaffirms to me one of the foremost goals of my professional life, which has been to put my graduate students well-being and academic success at the forefront of my teaching and research modus operandi. In this role at the University of Toronto, I wholeheartedly express my support for your call for “a fair, safe, and just workplace”.

I am wishing you the very best for the current negotiations.

Yours sincerely,



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