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Read by Kate Lawson, OCUFA President

OCUFA is pleased to present a 2015 Service Award to Professor William Salatka from the Wilfrid Laurier University Faculty Association (WLUFA).

Without question, academic staff at Laurier and across Ontario are better off because of Bill's work. At WLUFA, he has provided strong and steady leadership as Chief Negotiator and President of the Association. More than one nominator notes his compassion and dedication, as well as his willingness to give his time to his full-time and contract faculty colleagues.

Bill is renowned for his ability to make sense of complex university financial statements and provide incisive analyses of the true budgetary situation. It is therefore no surprise that faculty associations across Ontario have drawn on Bill's expertise while at the bargaining table. It is also not surprising that Bill played an instrumental role in creating OCUFA's University Finance Committee, which has already done much work to improve the capacity of faculty associations to understand the financial situation at their universities.

One nominator describes Bill's contribution best: "Quite simply, Bill helps those of us more junior in the ranks by expressing calmly, consistently and confidently, that the injustices we face are real (contrary to the persistent messaging of university administrators and many politicians) and that standing up for what we believe in is natural. Bill helps us conquer our fears and achieve solidarity."

Bill Salatka is a natural choice for the OCUFA service award, and we are honoured to recognize Bill here today.