

**Campus Chair Update
June, 2010**

SIAS REFUSES TO EXCHANGE A MONETARY PACKAGE

Bargaining broke down at approximately 3:00 p.m. on June 11th after the employer refused to exchange a monetary package with the union's negotiating committee.

We have tabled all of our non-monetary proposals with the employer and are prepared to exchange monetary positions with them in an effort to move the bargaining process forward. The employer has refused. They requested the union's monetary position while refusing to provide theirs. They are also refusing to respond to any of our proposals that they deem are "monetary". These include proposals in article 10 (Pay Administration), article 11 (Allowances, Differentials, and Other Payments) and article 12 (Vacation Administration). We are not prepared to continue negotiating with ourselves by removing your proposals off of the table without seeing a monetary offer from this employer.

There is no government mandate according to media reports. The following settlements have been achieved since the PS/GE settled for job security:

ISC – 7.75% over 3 years plus enhanced dental benefits

CUPE 1975 (support workers at the universities) 12% over 3 years (expires 2012); however, it is still a 4% increase for 2010, 4% for 2011 plus 2% on pension, two additional sick days, and dental enhancements.

We have been at the bargaining table for 19 days since June, 2009 and still have over 90 issues that are not resolved.

Our remaining bargaining dates in June have been cancelled and no future dates have been scheduled.

Your bargaining committee is committed to working hard to resolve the issues that are important to you, our members.

For further information please contact your local campus chairperson.

In solidarity,

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