

Campus Chair Update December 7, 2010

Professional Services Membership:

After doing the research and being cautiously optimistic the Bargaining Committee has agreed to one of the employers recommendations to use Tom Hodges in mediation. We will continue with the memberships request to bargain concurrently with the Academic Committee.

Meetings were recently held with members of the public sector bargaining group. This group is working collectively to help each other as we try to deal with the changes to the Trade Union Act, and the introduction of the Essential Services Act. All these groups are currently trying to bargain collective agreements and meeting the same frustrations as we are. Keeping each other informed of what is happening at each other's tables gives us the opportunity to share what has and hasn't worked and find out if we are all being given similar information from our employers.

In addition, discussions were recently held with members of the "common front" coalition which includes members of the bargaining committees from the Crowns including, SGI (COPE), SaskPower (IBEW), and Sasktel (CEP) to discuss common issues that each group is experiencing at bargaining.

Stayed tuned for the employers response and hopefully bargaining/mediation dates will be announced in the near future.

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