

Campus Chair Update April 13, 2011

The bargaining committee continues to work towards settlement of our collective agreement. We attended meetings with the Common Front and Public Service bargaining units who are also attempting to negotiate collective agreements. We are discussing ways we can take common action to move the bargaining process forward. Both SIAST bargaining committees sat in on question period at the Saskatchewan legislature on April 12, 2011 where the opposition asked questions of the government around the lack of progress in the SIAST bargaining process.

The movement for May Day is gaining momentum and we are encouraging all our members to attend to support the bargaining committee in getting a fair collective agreement. This will be a multi-issue rally with many current social concerns put forward by speakers on the steps of the legislature. The rally will start with a march to the legislative building and speeches on the issues. There will also be activities for children and it should be a fun and positive day in support of working men and women in Saskatchewan. There will be buses from other cities to Regina if enough members sign up for a ride. Contact your local campus chairperson for more details or read more at http://www.acad.sgeu.org/profservicesunit/Documents/PL_Mayday_flyer.pdf

Both bargaining units have received a reply from SIAST on the unfair labour practice filed on the pay parking implementation. SIAST's response to the Professional Services unit can be read here <http://www.acad.sgeu.org/profservicesunit/Documents/SIASTULPParkingResponse.pdf>

If you were employed by the Government of Saskatchewan between 1981 and 1999 in a part-time, casual, temporary or labour service position you may be eligible for lost pension contributions. Please see your local campus chairperson for more information.

We will be posting the 2010 financial statements for SGEU and for the SGEU LTD plan and the 2011 budgets for SGEU and for the SGEU LTD plan approved at last week's annual SGEU convention.

The delegates at this year's convention voted two thirds in favour of a motion to raise union dues from 1.5% to 1.9% starting on June 1, 2011.

In conjunction with this dues increase the Finance committee which consists of elected members from each sector and the Secretary Treasurer will be reviewing SGEU's current business processes to determine ways that we can streamline our business and reduce costs.

<http://www.acad.sgeu.org/profservicesunit/profservicesunit.htm>