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**To: All Members of the
Professional Services Bargaining Unit (PSBU)**

Re: Layoffs resulting from COVID-19 pandemic

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Most of you will have heard reports in the media regarding layoffs taking place at Sask Polytech, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Your Professional Services Bargaining Unit (PSBU) bargaining committee has been meeting with the Employer to find out details of their plan. We have signed a Letter of Understanding (LOU) that minimizes the financial impact on our members as much as possible. This LOU will be posted on our website shortly.

The current COVID-19 pandemic has created a situation that no one predicted and no one wanted; Sask Polytech is not immune from the impacts. The future is still uncertain but we have been assured by the Employer that they plan to recall and or rehire most, if not all, positions, that are effected by layoff notices. Your PSBU bargaining committee will do everything possible to ensure this happens.

It is unfortunate that information was released to the media at this time. Your bargaining committee was aware of layoffs but we were trusting the employer to also keep this information confidential until all impacted employees were notified.

We will provide our members with further details about the layoffs via Zoom meetings. The first meetings will pertain to those directly impacted by the layoffs, but subsequent information meetings will also be held for all members in the first part of July.

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If you have questions or concerns, please contact a member of your bargaining committee.

In solidarity,

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