

# **SIAST Professional Services and Academic Bargaining Unit Update**

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## **The Value of Public Education**

A publicly-delivered system of education provides programs that are comprehensive, consistent, and of high quality. Quality training is crucial to public safety --the students in preparatory and post-secondary training programs become the skilled workforce of our province. The trades people, health care professionals, technologists, community service workers, and business people that graduate from SIAST have been provided a high caliber of training and have met the required standards for their occupations.

The skilled and experienced workforce within SIAST that delivers and supports training is an important part of this high quality of training. In saying that, the instructors and support staff who provide these services deserve a collective agreement that is reflective of these high standards.

## **Bargaining is Back on Track**

Bargaining broke down in June for both the Professional Services and Academic units after the employer refused to exchange monetary packages with the union's negotiating committees. Thanks to the support of the membership, we now have agreement from the employer to meet August 26 & 27, 2010 to simultaneously exchange monetary positions. The employer has also agreed to our request to meet in Regina for joint bargaining Sept. 21, 22 & 23.

## **Parking Fees**

It has just been announced that SIAST is going to implement parking fees at all SIAST locations for staff beginning in January 2011. Any salary increase that we are able to negotiate will now be partially clawed back in the form of parking fees. We are still waiting on details for a number of factors around this process and how the employer intends on implementing them.

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