

## Saskatchewan Government and General Employees' Union

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## SGEU works to get mediation back on track

Even as SIAST management falsely accuses SGEU of breaking off contract talks, the union is working hard to get the mediation process back on track.

"We want a speedy resolution to this dispute, and I have been meeting with the mediator to determine the next steps for moving towards a negotiated settlement," said SGEU president Bob Bymoen.

At this point, both the Academic and Professional Services bargaining units are on strike in all SIAST locations.

"SIAST management and the provincial government have so far refused to come forward with a fair and reasonable offer. SIAST instructors and professional staff deserve a wage increase similar to that offered to university employees and Saskatchewan teachers. To downgrade SIAST staff by undervaluing and underpaying them will only compromise the quality of education that students receive," Bymoen added.

"Let's get back to mediation, so staff and students can get back into the classroom," said Bymoen.

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