

**Campus Chairs Update
November 2019****Bargaining update**

We have three (3) days scheduled to meet at the bargaining table with the employer in early December. You may have already heard that the Public Service component of SGEU has recently ratified an agreement; as well the Regional Colleges have a tentative agreement that will go out to their membership shortly.

Steward lunch

Your bargaining committee recently held their monthly meeting at the Moose Jaw Campus. We enjoyed a luncheon meeting with some of the stewards.

Why unions matter

NUPGE is inviting all Canadians to share with them, in your own personal way, Why Unions Matter. Send them your songs, videos, creative writing or even, interpretive dance! You could win \$1500!! For more details, refer to the following link.

<https://unionsyeah.ca/whyunionsmatter>

Extended health benefits

The SPFA have sent PSBU formal notification of their desire to leave the current extended health plan. They want us to agree with them to not only dissolve the current agreement, but to allow them to take all of the current surplus that is in the plan as well. We are having difficulties understanding the philosophy behind the SPFA's stance. Our extended health plan is a tripartite agreement and has been faring very well. We have been trying for several years to get the SPFA to meet to negotiate improvements to the plan for all employees of Sask Polytech but they have steadfastly refused to do so. It would appear that the primary factor behind this is a philosophical one wherein the SPFA leadership wants to have absolutely nothing to do with SGEU, even if their co-workers and colleagues of Sask Polytechnic are adversely affected.

In solidarity,

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