

Saskatchewan Government and General Employees' Union

## Professional Services Bargaining Unit

February 2019

Your Professional Services Bargaining Unit (PSBU) bargaining committee met with Saskatchewan Polytechnic management on two separate occasions in January 2019.

While we are relieved to report that the government-mandated 3.5 per cent wage rollback has officially been taken off the table by management, we are disappointed that Sask Polytech has not tabled a wage increase. As well, we continue to struggle with getting agreement on other items.

We have submitted our monetary package for the employer's consideration.

The parties have signed a letter of interpretation (LOI) in regards to Article 3.3.3 of our collective bargaining agreement. The current language in Article 3.3.3 reads as follows:

*"SIASST will provide employees an opportunity to attend Aboriginal Awareness Training."*

The new LOI reflects strong support by PSBU and the Employer for Indigenous Awareness Training and the expectation that all employees will participate in this training in the workplace to foster inclusiveness and diversity.

Additional days of negotiations have been scheduled for this spring. Your bargaining committee will continue to work hard to reach a fair and reasonable collective agreement that reflects the value of the services our members provide across the province.

If you have not already done so, please ensure SGEU has your current contact information, including an email address (non-work emails are preferred) and home/cell phone numbers. Emails and text messages are fast and cost-efficient ways to provide members with important updates and information. To update your information, email [MIS@sgeu.org](mailto:MIS@sgeu.org).

We appreciate your continued support.

In solidarity,

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