

Professional Services Bargaining Unit

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Your Professional Services Bargaining Unit (PSBU) bargaining committee met June 1st and 2nd with Saskatchewan Polytechnic management at the bargaining table.

There were several employee and labour relations proposals identified in the package exchange that require in-depth discussion between the parties. Within the time constraints of our first meeting, some housekeeping items were dealt with.

The major concessions that were presented by the employer include: vacation leave cap at 6 weeks; elimination of vacation entitlement on succession; reducing sick leave cap; and elimination of employer-paid short term medical leave.

As anticipated, the Sask Polytech package included a proposal that reflects the provincial government's directive to reduce public sector workers' compensation by 3.5%.

Your bargaining committee strongly opposes this rollback and we will be looking to our members for their strong, active and vocal support to ensure we get a fair compensation package in this round of bargaining. Your support is crucial.

Members also need to be aware that on May 29, 2017, the Conference Board of Canada released information indicating that Saskatchewan is rebounding from the recent recession with an expected 2.5% economic growth projected for this year.

http://www.conferenceboard.ca/press/newsrelease/17-05-29/western_provinces_to_lead_economic_growth_in_2017.aspx.

Your bargaining committee ensured that this information was shared with the Sask Polytech management team.

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Your PSBU bargaining committee will meet again in October with the Sask Polytech management bargaining team, comprised of:

Don Soanes, director of labour relations
Rian Misfeldt, director of library and testing services
Cory Amiskusees, facility manager, Moose Jaw Campus
Michele Rody, human resources consultant, Saskatoon Campus
Dani Yonge, manager, client support and financial analysis

We encourage all members to ensure that their personal email addresses have been submitted to SGEU (MIS@SGEU.ORG).

We will be sharing as much information as we can, as often as we can.

In solidarity,

Bonnie Bond, Bargaining Chair
Ryan Greyeyes, Saskatoon Campus and Administrative Offices Chair
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