

November 16, 2016

Evening update: Bargaining Resumes

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to you from the Norquay Building, where we are in the midst of a six-hour (so far) bargaining session with the conciliator. I want to update you to the extent I can within the confines of a media blackout, and in the context of ongoing negotiations. I apologize that as a result of that blackout, we are unable to electronically send out our contract language, as we had promised to do tonight.

While things will carry on for a while longer tonight, we intend to meet again tomorrow afternoon, after both teams have had a chance to carefully examine the proposals on the table.

It is vital that you join your colleagues on the picket lines or your usual strike duty tomorrow. Bargaining is moving forward, and the strike will continue to power it. Your solidarity, practiced on the picket lines, on social media, at Strike HQ, and in other ways and places, is what will produce a fair deal, and a better university.

For a full update on what is happening in bargaining, please come to the members' only info session and bargaining update tomorrow (Thursday) evening. The session will begin at 6:30 PM at Knox United Church at 400 Edmonton Street, just north of Ellice. There, we will be able to share with you much more detail and updated information on our most recent workload proposal and on the day's bargaining.

*****PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGED LOCATION FOR OUR INFO SESSION***** It was originally scheduled to be at the Winnipeg Convention Centre. As noted above, it will now be held at KNOX UNITED CHURCH at 400 Edmonton St.

In solidarity,

Mark Hudson, UMFA President

