

Bargaining Update from BUFA

#2 – First Meeting

Dear BUFA members,

First, a big thank you to everyone on the bargaining support teams who has been working to provide valuable information to the negotiating team. We have received many reports and look forward to more!

Latest News

- We held the first meeting with the Employer yesterday, February 22, to make introductions and discuss logistical details such as bargaining protocol, meeting dates, and location
- The Employer's negotiating team consists of Kristen Fisher (Associate Vice-President – People and Talent, lead negotiator), Kofi Campbell (Provost and Vice-President – Academic), Greg Gatien (Dean of Music), Melanie Sucha (Chief Information Officer), and, on a part-time basis, Bernadette Ardelli (Dean of Science).

What they said...

- They received our suggested bargaining protocol with interest and asked several clarifying questions, will take it away for further thought
- Of particular interest in discussions were the idea of holding a limited number of negotiating sessions on the Winnipeg campus, and inviting an Indigenous Knowledge Keeper to open negotiations with ceremony

What's next?

- We are looking at dates in the second or third week of March for our next meeting
- Meanwhile we continue to write and refine our initial language proposals in preparation for actual negotiations

In solidarity,

Your Negotiating Team

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Alex Braun
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