

Bargaining Update from BUFA

#6 – Dazed and Confused

Dear BUFA members,

As of 9:30 this morning, at the outset of the first day of a week with four bargaining sessions, the Employer has suspended negotiations with the BUFA Negotiating Team. They have cited an email from the BUFA Executive, unrelated to negotiations, as a reason for questioning whether we are bargaining in good faith.

The Negotiating Team—with the exception of JT in his role as VP – Bargaining and Grievance—had no knowledge of this email communication nor any role in creating it. The content of that email was unrelated to bargaining.

To be clear, the work of the Negotiating Team is separate from the work of the Executive—we report to the Executive, but are not privy to their actions. Your Negotiating Team has been consistently working on language, coming to the table prepared to discuss issues, and shared our availabilities with the employer.

We are exploring our options; we cannot be held hostage in this way.

In solidarity,

Your Negotiating Team

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