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Faculty Bargaining Team Update for Members

Presented at Local General
Membership Meetings
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Recent Events...



Nov. 18 (First Day of Conciliation):

- Faculty team presented a revised offer and invited College Employer Council (CEC) team to refer all outstanding issues in dispute to Voluntary Binding Interest Arbitration, to resolve bargaining with no labour disruption
- Employer instead requested that Conciliator file “no board” report
 - Employer also has option to force a membership vote on their offer if they think that members would actually support it

Nov. 19: In response to the “No Board” report request, the faculty bargaining team was compelled to request a strike authorization vote from OLRB, to enable organized work action if management escalates by imposing Terms & Conditions

Nov. 23: Management sends revised offer by e-mail. (Discussed below.)

Nov. 26: Ministry informs parties of receipt of “No Board” report, which sets in motion the timeline for lockout or unilateral Imposition of Terms & Conditions as soon as December 13 .

Employer's Nov. 23 Offer



- Offers no improvements on issues of workload, online learning, contracting out, or use of faculty-produced course materials
- No improvements to access to or transparency of Partial-Load Registry; negligible improvements for Partial-Load faculty
- Refers issues related to a) Workload, b) Equity, Diversity & Inclusion, and c) Indigeneity, Decolonization, and Truth & Reconciliation to non-binding committees. This effectively **lets the Employer prevent any change** or recommendations from coming from these committees
 - Employer's proposal for Workload committee *explicitly* targets application of workload formula for Apprenticeship, Academic Upgrading, and "specialized programs" such as Aviation

What the Current Offers Agree On

Service credit for Partial-Load faculty who are assigned to teach on statutory holidays

Partial-Load seniority applies to courses regardless of a change of course name/code (not major revision)

2 Indigenous arbitrators added to arbitrator list

Faculty identifying as Indigenous may bring Indigenous Elder / Traditional Knowledge Keeper to WMG, Grievance meetings, as support

1% annual increase in salary; Bill 124 wage reopener language

Up to \$4,000 medical cannabis *with prescription*

PL Registry to apply to academic year, not calendar year

Courses taught as Part-Time or Sessional will also apply for purposes of seniority through PL registry

Where We Differ

| Faculty Offer | CEC Offer |
|---|--|
| An additional 1.8 minutes weekly per student for evaluation (in a 3 hour course with 100% Essay/Project factor) | No change for 3 years, if ever |
| Extra attributed time for hybrid/online/hy-flex courses, following consultation with manager | No change in attributed time for online courses for 3 years, if ever |
| A workload task force with a dispute resolution mechanism <i>that would guarantee change prior to next round of bargaining</i> . Task Force would repeat every 3 years afterwards | A one-time workload task force in which the Employer could prevent any change , and that targets specific programs for two-tiered workload |

Where We Differ

| Faculty Offer | CEC Offer |
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| No faculty (incl. PL) would lose jobs, hours, or pay because of contracting out | |
| College can't use/sell faculty-produced course materials without permission | |
| Subcommittee on Equity, Diversity, Inclusion reports to BoG, has dispute resolution mechanism to arrive at recommendations | Subcommittee with no dispute resolution – lets Employer prevent committee from making any recommendations |
| Round Table on Indigenization, Decolonization, and Truth & Reconciliation has dispute resolution mechanism to arrive at recommendations | Process with no dispute resolution – lets Employer prevent committee from making any recommendations |

Where We Differ

Faculty Offer

CEC Offer

Revised class definition of Counsellor that reflects actual work of Counsellors

Expands Colleges' right to contract out Counsellor work

Coordinator duties must be "reasonable and reduced to writing"

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PL faculty may bridge benefits between contracts with written offer of future work

Bridging benefits still requires written contract (no change)

PL with seniority on PL registry should be given maximum hours (up to 12)

Where We Differ



| Faculty Offer | CEC Offer |
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| All current or former PL faculty are eligible to enroll in PL Registry | |
| Balance of 1% increase in benefits (permitted by Bill 124) to offset costs of dental implants. Reduce offered \$4,000 for medical cannabis, if necessary, to accommodate dental implant benefit. | \$4,000 for medical cannabis, with prescription |
| 2-year agreement | 3-year agreement |

What Does a Strike Mandate Mean?



A successful strike vote does not equal a strike

- A strong strike vote sends a message to management
- A strong strike vote shows our willingness to stand together and stand behind our demands
- A strong mandate shows solidarity and support for your team.

Will we be on strike during the holidays? No.

What would a strike look like? The faculty team envisions a series of phased-in, escalating actions that will target College administrators over a series of weeks.

What Would a Vote Against a Strike Mandate Mean?



Management could choose to unilaterally impose Terms & Conditions as early as 12:01 A.M. on December 13th. Without a strike vote, faculty have no means of organizing an *effective* response.

In this round of bargaining, the CEC has already presented an offer that:

- Two-tiers workloads, scheduling, and vacations
- Reduces preparation factors for asynchronous courses
- Reduces evaluation factors for online grading
- Weakens PL Registry eligibility, increases precarity

A strike vote is required for any coordinated work action

Important Dates



- **Dec. 7, 6:30-8:00pm:** Provincewide Information Session (for Partial-Load faculty)
- **Dec. 8, 6:30-8:00pm:** Provincewide Information Session (for all faculty)
- **December 9, 9:00am - December 11 , 3:00pm:** Online strike authorization vote, administered by Ontario Labour Relations Board
- **December 13** - Earliest date when the Employer can lock out faculty or Impose Terms & Conditions of employment
- **December 16** - Earliest date when faculty may (with successful strike authorization vote) commence work actions

What Can You Do Now?



- Pressure the CEC Team by pressuring your College President
- Join our “click to e-mail” campaign (www.collegefaculty.org)
- Follow your Local’s Digital Information Picket
- Actively involve yourself in your employer’s social media campaigns, using their hashtags to introduce bargaining issues (e.g., #CentennialFam, #ExperienceGeorgian, #LaCitéEnsemble)
- Share *your story* briefly on Instagram, Twitter, or Facebook
 - #time4students
 - Tell @CECouncil, @JillDunlop1, and @LindaFranklinCO that the CEC should agree to voluntary binding arbitration
- Subscribe to your Local’s and CAAT-A’s Social Media
 - FB: /OntarioCollegeFaculty
 - IG: @CAATAbargaining
 - Twitter @CAATfaculty

Talk to Your Colleagues



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4 Points for Conversations:

- 1) A strike vote is needed for any organized action involving our work; it doesn't necessarily mean a full strike
- 2) Management can resolve issues with no labour disruption by bargaining and referring outstanding issues to Voluntary Binding Interest Arbitration
- 3) Faculty proposals balance the need for immediate relief with long-term structural changes. For example, where we propose task forces, we ensure structures to address issues, not defer them
- 4) All of the faculty proposals are at low or no cost to the Employer