

Gabriel Dumont Institute

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Fellow GDI members:

Your Bargaining Committee met on November 2, 2018 to discuss the current state of negotiations and make a plan for moving forward.

Our Bargaining Committee has traditionally followed closely the bargaining pattern set by Sask Polytechnic and the Colleges. These units, along with SGEU's Health Providers and Public Service/Government Employment bargaining units, have not yet reached an agreement.

The current provincial bargaining atmosphere is causing negotiations with GDI management to drag on longer than it should.

Within SGEU, the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority is the only major bargaining unit to reach a new Collective Agreement. The SLGA negotiating committee accepted zero per cent (0%) wage increases over three years in exchange for a moratorium on liquor store closures and other gains.

This summer, PS/GE members turned down a tentative agreement that provided zero per cent (0%) in the first two (2) years and small increases in the last two (2) years of a four (4) year agreement. This bargaining unit conducted a successful strike vote, and is currently negotiating an essential services agreement with the employer in preparation for possible job action.

In the Education Sector, neither the Colleges nor Sask Polytechnic has reached the monetary bargaining stage. As with most public sector agreements, these negotiations have been slow going.

Your Committee will be seeking bargaining dates with management early in the new year. We hope to move closer to an agreement, as we wait for clarification on the monetary resources that may be available for a final resolution of your CBA.

In Solidarity,

Your GDI Bargaining Committee

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