

# University of Northern British Columbia Faculty Association

## *Bargaining Bulletin 2019 #11*

### **Message from the Chief Negotiator:**

Dear Colleagues,

**W**e have had an eventful few days. On 10 October the Labour Board appointed Mr. Trevor Sones as the mediator between the parties. Mr. Sones also mediated between the parties in 2015. Our team looks forward to working with a mediator who is familiar with the circumstances at UNBC

On 11 October, we attended a hearing before the Labour Board. The fact that the Employer had applied for a mediator led us to attempt mediation to see if we could avoid the necessity of a hearing. The mediation session went quite well, so we agreed to adjourn the hearing, at least for the time being. At approximately 5:30 on Friday afternoon, Mr Sones issued an order for the costing of our proposal. We hope that this development will facilitate convergence at the table. We have confirmed two full days of mediation on Sunday and Monday, 20 and 21 October, by which time we will have costing of our proposal.

Your bargaining team is optimistic that we can make very significant headway to a mutually acceptable agreement in the near future.

Ted Binnema, Chief Negotiator, UNBC FA, and the rest of the team: Jacqueline Holler, Umesh Parshotam, Matt Reid, Donna Sindaco



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