

University of Northern British Columbia Faculty Association

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Message from the Chief Negotiator

Dear Colleagues,

As you may recall, your contract bargaining team was involved in intensive bargaining sessions with the Employer's team between 9 and 12 June -- 12 June being the final day that the Employer's team made themselves available before a previously agreed-to break in July and August. At the end of 12 June, it appeared as though we were on the verge of a tentative agreement. We did not communicate with you at that time because we did not want to jeopardize negotiations at a very sensitive stage. We communicate now because - a week having passed without another written response from the Employer to our last settlement offer - we have an obligation to report to you. We can report that we still hope that we can finalize a new Collective Agreement before the end of June, but that there is a possibility that we will not be able to conclude a renewal of the Collective Agreement until September.

The bargaining team wishes to thank you again for your continued support. The fact that the membership of the UNBC-FA has given us their mandate is crucially important to our efforts at the table on your behalf.

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