

BARGAINING BULLETIN #1

FASBU Bargaining Begins



Part One: NUFA Begins

Thank you to all of you who showed up to the AGM on Friday, May 12, and made your voices heard. Chief Negotiator Jane Barker presented our mandate and we heard loud and clear from you that you want us to ask for more compensation

than originally proposed, bringing us more in line with recent settlements in the public sector, specifically that we ask for 4% / 4% / 4%. A motion was made to this effect and was resoundingly carried. Thank you for giving us this very strong mandate to bring to the table, and for your full support of the package.

Part Two: The Employer Does Not Begin

Members of the Collective Bargaining Committee met with the Employer on the morning of May 18 to first hear a presentation on the financial state of the university, and second discuss timelines for bargaining. The Employer was thrilled to announce that they were projecting a budget with a small surplus, indicating that we are moving towards better financial health as an institution. The Employer suggested exchanging packages in July, but NUFA was very clear in pushing for dates in June, with July off, and then resuming in August. The Employer will come back to us with dates.

Part Three: The End of the Beginning

Now that bargaining is officially underway, watch for regular bargaining bulletins from us as we keep you informed of key developments. Those of you who would like to take up our invitation to bring you in to observe what happens at the table, email Rhiannon at nufaexec@gmail.com with the article(s) you are interested in. Please put "Observer" in the subject line. Your informed participation and solidarity are what keep us strong.