Campus Chairpersons Update

May 7, 2013

Membership Meetings

The bargaining committee will be doing a round of membership meetings later in May. We will be at Wascana Campus on May 22, Palliser Campus on May 23, Woodland Campus on May 27, Saskatoon SAO and Kelsey Campus on May 28. Details on time and meeting room numbers are forthcoming.

Bargaining

The May 6 and 7 bargaining dates were cancelled. More details on what is happening with bargaining will be presented at the membership meetings.

Strike Pay Back

Our former union Secretary/Treasurer Sandy Evanovich, reviewed our strike payback and has provided an estimate that we will complete our payback to the Defense Fund in approximately six months. Due to variables like changes in staffing it is difficult to predict an exact date for the payback to be complete. We do have one of our members from SIAST Finance reviewing our SGEU estimate of pay back for accuracy.

Employee Engagement Survey

Thank you to all of our members who have put their names forward to volunteer for these teams. Those selected as team members who have any issues, questions or concerns should contact Bonnie Bond at bond@siast.sk.ca as she is our representative on the Employee Engagement Advisory Steering Committee.

JEC Renewal

This committee has met and begun the work of establishing the criteria and guidelines for the renewal of our job evaluation process. The work of this committee is expected to continue into next year. The committee is working hard on re-writing the Job evaluation Handbook and new benchmarks for the job evaluation process.

SFA

We have attempted to meet with this group to decide how to proceed with joint bargaining issues as directed by our members at the proposals conference. However, to date we have not been able to meet to make these decisions. If we cannot meet we will need to move forward with these issues unilaterally.

Bill 85

The bargaining committee is requesting that all our members take the time to learn about this Bill. It will have significant impact on all working people in Saskatchewan. You can learn more here http://www.fairwork.ca Please sign the petition to slow down the passing of this Bill. Our union needs more time to review and determine the impact it will have on all of our working lives.

This update and other materials are available at: www.acad.sgeu.org

In Solidarity,

SIAST Professional Services Bargaining Committee