

CULEU Nego Update – August 26, 2019

CULEU members,

Your CULEU negotiating team will go back to the table with the Employer on September 13th. This will be the first formal bargaining meeting since April 4th and the 15th meeting since negotiations began in May 2018.

While we certainly hoped to be much closer by now to a new deal, the summer months were not wasted.

Beginning in May, I had a number of individual meetings with the University's Associate V-P Human Resources. In June, we had an informal, non-binding meeting of two members from each side's nego team. And in July, our CSN Advisor and I met with the Employer's lead negotiator from HR.

At each of these opportunities, we reminded the University's representatives that the negotiations had stalled because of the Employer's demand to modify Appendix A. We also reminded them that this demand had been rejected months ago by our members; that the Employer had made little effort to advance the negotiations; and that our members have given CULEU a mandate for pressure tactics. Most importantly, we made it clear that we expected the Employer to come back in September prepared to negotiate seriously.

CULEU's strength at the bargaining table comes from you, our Union members. Your active support and participation is vital. Be ready to do your part so that we can get the new contract we deserve!

In solidarity,

Kent Cluff
CULEU - President



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