



PSAC-UPCE BARGAINING UPDATE



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Interim Bargaining Update

Normally we publish a bargaining update when there is something significant to report or when the session has just ended. In this particular case, we need to address the concerns you may be having at the possibility of the employer using stalling tactics.

We provided the employer's team with our proposal last night at 6:30 and 24 hours later we are still waiting for them to respond.

We must stay focused on the real issues:

CPC's array of mean and petty proposals: regressive Short Term Disability proposal, their appalling wage offer and other concessions.

It appears that they are taking the same approach to communicating with the membership - weaving and spinning half truths before the bargaining session is truly underway.

It's not about who is available when - it's about the content of the deal. The bargaining team remains focussed on getting the best possible deal we possibly can - however long it takes.

Your UPCE-PSAC bargaining team