

Bargaining Update #6

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CUASA Members Unanimous in Forming Strike Action Committee

On September 5, 2012, CUASA held a general meeting for its members to discuss bargaining. We realize that this week has been full of orientation meetings and events associated with the beginning of classes and so many members were not able to attend. We will try to schedule another meeting soon so that more members can hear about bargaining. Nevertheless the room was at capacity and, on behalf of the bargaining team, I would like to thank all those who came to support our efforts on your behalf.

During the meeting, I reported on the tenor of bargaining and the impasse that led us to decide to file for conciliation.

There was considerable support for action to show the administration that we will not be satisfied with last place salaries, benefits and sabbatical compensation. As a result, there was a motion from the floor to establish a Strike Action Committee. The motion passed unanimously. We took an extensive list of volunteers and if you wish to add your name to this list please contact the CUASA office.

CUASA Council has to authorize a strike vote. We plan to call a special Council meeting on Wednesday, August 12, 10:00-11:30 in DT2017 for CUASA Council members to discuss bargaining and to sanction a vote shortly. I will report shortly on progress in organizing a strike vote.