

FULL-TIME BARGAINING BULLETIN #11
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This is the eleventh Bulletin published during bargaining for an 11th full-time contract between the Association of University of New Brunswick Teachers and the University of New Brunswick administration. Negotiations have been underway for eleven months.

UPDATE: Ratification/Binding Vote

Bulletin #10, issued on April 8, described the creation of the Conciliation Board and outlined our expectations regarding the upcoming Board meetings with the full-time teams during the second and fourth weeks of May. There are no changes to these plans but there have been several developments.

In the second week of April we received the administration's response to our Feb. 22 comprehensive proposal and we also received their proposal that the outstanding issues be resolved through binding decisions by the Conciliation Board. By April 19 the teams had reached agreement on all but three issues: economic adjustment (including the comparison group), intellectual property (both ownership and payment), and instructors' ceilings.

On recommendation by the Team and the Collective Bargaining Committee, the Collective Bargaining Council recommended that the full-time membership ratify the signed proposals and authorize resolution of the outstanding issues through a binding process conducted by the existing Conciliation Board.

The membership vote was held on Monday and Tuesday of this week and was overwhelmingly in favour.

Both Parties have made written submissions to the Conciliation Board and we await the opportunity to amplify our submission before the Board on May 12 and 13, with mediation scheduled for May 25 and 26. We plan to update you on the state of the process by early June.

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