

2020 SUMMER UPDATE REPORT – PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Sept. 23/2020

First, I hope that you and your families have been safe and continue to stay healthy. For those that have had illnesses in your family we wish speedy recovery and good health. It has been quite the 6 months since the pandemic hit in earnest. Many of you have been working at home while some of our members have never left Campus - for those a big Thank You. For those working at home (WAH) from what we hear some enjoy working at home and some, not so much. We had asked the College to work with us on a WAH Letter of Agreement (LOA). For several months the College was not interested to engage in this conversation. We – CUPE, BCGEU, and the Faculty unions - were given two documents that refer to WAH. This was definitely not the way we had envisioned a pathway to this document.

We were not able to agree to this document at all, and we have partnered with the BCGEU and the Faculty to sit down with the College and work on a LOA that is palatable to all parties. Just a reminder to our members: we do not sign such documents until they have been vetted by your respective union.

We, along with the BCGEU, Student Society and Faculty, have been meeting with the Colleges senior leadership every Wednesday morning. There is some question whether these meetings will continue.

We are pressing the College to have our Collective Agreement printed as well as starting the conversation on JAJEC LOA implementation, the Service Enhancement Fund, Casual on Call list and a few other newly negotiated issues.

As a support staff member in Trades Training, we have had students since the end of June. All is going well here and we continue to work safe. We are seeing the libraries slowly opening and should see Recreation opening soon. There will be many months before we get back to what we considered normal.

In solidarity,

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