

PRESS RELEASE

Association of University & College Employees (A.U.C.E.) Local No. 1 (U.B.C.)
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The Association of University and College Employees (Local #1 at U.B.C.), representing 1200 clerical and library workers, is presently negotiating its second collective agreement. The Union's first agreement expired September 30th.

At a negotiating session on October 8th, the University spokesperson informed the Union that the University had applied for mediation services. It is the Union's opinion that it is more desirable to reach agreement with the University without the aid of a third party ... and as the Union feels that further progress can still be made on a number of articles without the aid of a mediator, it is the Union's opinion that the University's action was premature.

It is the Union's understanding that the Board of Governors' decision to call for mediation was based on false information to the effect that the Union was planning immediate strike action.

At a general membership meeting of over 500 AUCE members on October 9th, the University's most recent wage package proposal was overwhelmingly rejected.

[see attached]

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MOTION:

Because the University's wage proposal is contingent upon agreement to a number of articles, some of which have not been properly considered (and one of which is downright silly)...

and

Because the University's wage proposal has done nothing to make sense of the wage scale, in terms of sensible step increases
in terms of making promotion worthwhile
in terms of creating sensible gaps between the various pay grades...

and

Because the University's wage proposal takes a step backwards in terms of equating clerical workers wages to technician's wages...

the Contract Committee recommends rejection of the University's second wage package proposal.

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