

## **OSSTF D35 WLUSA, Collective Bargaining 2011 Update**

### **End of week 1 (June 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>)**

As promised I will endeavour to keep you updated as we progress at the bargaining table. We wish to thank you, “our principals,” for giving us the mandate to bargain on your behalf. We proceed with your continued support and guidance. Please continue to communicate to us via email and know that your messages of support and encouragement have been heard and are appreciated.

This week we generated good momentum, signing documents on ground rules for this round of bargaining and signing off on various housekeeping issues.

We are currently focusing our discussion and presentations on the non-monetary items and will look to focus on the grouping of issues and their related articles.

The Faculty of Social Work, our home from Monday to Thursday, has been fabulous. All the staff and faculty at the Kitchener Campus have been very helpful, supportive and welcoming. Both the University and WLUSA have booked and set aside 4 days a week until the end of July to focus on bargaining.

Those of you who were not able to make our Negotiations Brief update on Monday June 20<sup>th</sup> would have missed the introduction of Paul Elliott to our team. Paul is Vice President of OSSTF and is a seasoned negotiator. He recently worked with our colleagues at Algoma University to help them bargain their collective agreement. Paul is the chair of the OSSTF committee on pensions; he brings perspective on issues that are relevant to our discussions on pensions at Laurier. Starting July 2011, he is our assigned provincial executive representative.

Please keep checking for updates about our current round of bargaining. The CPAC team will provide information on our website, [www.WLUSA.ca](http://www.WLUSA.ca), the WLUSA facebook page (WLUSA/OSSTF), the WLUSA BLOG and the WLUSA twitter account (WLUSA\_OSSTF).

Yours in Solidarity,

Niru, CBC Chair, OSSTF D35 WLUSA.