

Presidents meet to discuss upcoming bargaining

University Local presidents and CUPE staff met in Vancouver this week to talk about upcoming university sector bargaining.

The one-day meeting included discussion about:

- bargaining surveys and proposals
- essential services
- core reviews
- communications
- shared services

Locals are all in the process of preparing bargaining surveys or compiling the results from their members.

Local presidents raised concerns about shared services and decided to contact their Board Chairs to ensure that as significant stakeholders, they are fully involved in the process. Presidents are asking that the employer let them know who the representative responsible for

communications with their union Local will be.

Presidents talked about core reviews and the importance of moving forward with essential services so that it doesn't become an issue later on in the bargaining process.

Local presidents want to stay in touch with each other throughout bargaining. They will continue to support each other as they seek the best agreement possible for their members.

Also this week, the B.C. government's 2014 budget includes continued cuts to post-secondary education. ■

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