



CAAT Academic
Negotiating Team

TO: CAAT Academic Local Presidents
FROM: The Faculty Negotiating Team
DATE: July 1, 2009
RE: Negotiations Update

The bargaining team continues to meet with management and we are discussing non-monetary items so far. Neither side has tabled salary and benefit positions as yet.

It is too early to report on prospects for settlement, but the parties are communicating and making some progress. The main focus has been on the Workload Task Force Report. The employer has acknowledged that in order to achieve a settlement it will be critical to give substance to the recommendations of the report in this round of bargaining.

We have opened an email address at opseu.org for any member to communicate with the team. The team cannot keep a blog-style commentary about the bargaining. That would be counter-productive to success as bargaining by its nature requires some level of confidentiality for both parties. Of course, the team will be tabling detailed proposals on all demands passed at the demand-setting meeting. Locals and members cannot introduce new demands at this time and the team cannot be directed to take specific actions with regard to the demands with which we have been entrusted. We are committed and working hard to get the best deal possible.

The email address where members can put any questions or comments is caata@opseu.org

Ted Montgomery,
for the team