

Kwantlen Faculty Association Membership Unanimously Endorses Bargaining Demands

At a General Membership Meeting September 29, 2006 KFA members voted unanimously to endorse our bargaining demands for the upcoming round of negotiations. Vice-President Maureen Shaw reviewed recent public sector settlements and pointed out "no other public sector union has accepted concessions and we will not accept them either." In particular, the BCTF settlement addressed a number of bargaining issues. All public sector settlements to date have included a salary lift as well as the bonus set aside by the government to ensure labour peace through to 2010. "KFA members expect no less," Shaw said.

Terri Van Steinburg, KFA President, talked about two major initiatives that could affect our future: bargaining and Campus 2020. Campus 2020, headed up by Special Advisor Geoff Plant is, according to the 2020 website, "a planning process that will shape the

vision, mission, goals and objectives of B.C.'s post secondary system for the next 10 to 20 years." Van Steinburg noted "the question of Kwantlen's status has been hanging out there for some time and the answer may be provided through the Campus 2020 process." And, she cautioned, we may not like the answer. She added "The KFA will continue to do what we can to influence the decision-makers in the best interests of KFA members."

Attendees also heard from Federation of Post Secondary Educators' Secretary Treasurer, Dileep Athaide. Athaide outlined FPSE's Better Funding Better Futures campaign that is urging the provincial government to improve funding to BC's universities, university colleges, institutes and colleges. Athaide encouraged members to join the campaign by going to www.fpse.ca and emailing Premier Gordon Campbell.

Questions?

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