

UMFA continues bargaining with university administration

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UMFA is committed to negotiating a fair agreement that prioritizes recruitment and retention at the University of Manitoba. Earlier today, we met with University President Benarroch and agreed that bargaining will continue this weekend between UMFA and the university's administration, without the assistance of a mediator. UMFA remains open to arbitration if certain issues relating to governance and working conditions for our members can be resolved beforehand. We remain committed to bargaining in good faith directly with the administration.

Last night, the university's administration chose to reject UMFA's proposals relating to governance and working conditions. Our proposal would have allowed students and faculty to return to the classroom, while issues of compensation would have been referred to binding arbitration. Today we learned that part of the reason for this rejection is that the mediator failed to adequately communicate information regarding our most recent proposals to the administration.

We strongly believe that we can reach an agreement with the administration that prioritizes recruitment and retention and will continue to focus on an outcome that is favourable to students and our members.