



YUFA

## Collective Bargaining

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### **Bargaining Update #1**

YUFA began bargaining with the employer earlier this month, meeting to discuss issues preliminary to the negotiations. The two bargaining teams met again on March 18<sup>th</sup> to exchange first proposals. This first meeting is two months earlier than was the case for the last bargaining round thanks to the thorough and timely work of the Bargaining Priorities Subcommittee (Joe Sheridan, Chair, Ruthanna Dyer, Joanne Chumakov, Jay Rahn and YUFA staff person Brett Cemer).

YUFA looks forward to the expeditious negotiation of a fair and equitable agreement for its members.

YUFA's bargaining team is comprised of Chief Negotiator Brenda Spotton Visano (Economics / Atkinson), Don Dippo (Education) Susan Ehrlich (Languages, Literatures & Linguistics / Arts), Jay Rahn (Arts & Letters / Atkinson and Fine Arts), Jan Rehner (Humanities/Centre for Academic Writing / Arts), Susan Dimock (ex officio, YUFA President, Philosophy), Brenda Hart (YUFA) and Monica Mulvihill (YUFA). The bargaining team will draw on additional YUFA and ARF (Association of Retired Faculty) members where expertise is required.

The Chief Negotiator for the employer is once again John Brooks, a labour lawyer with Heenan Blaikie. Brooks is regularly hired to represent university employers in collective bargaining negotiations. He will be joined by Barry Miller (Director, Academic Staff Relations), Paul Axelrod (Dean, Education), Phil Silver (Dean, Fine Arts), Cynthia Archer (University Librarian), Rob Lawson (Academic Staff Relations), and Mario Verrilli (Academic Staff Relations).

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