

TABLE TALK

A Periodic Report on CSU-AAUP Contract Negotiations

Table Talk is a communication of CSU-AAUP to its members to inform them of the progress of contract negotiations with the CSCU-BOR.

Session 17

The 17th negotiation session was held on Thursday, May 5, on the CCSU campus in New Britain.

The session began with a discussion of Article 16.6 Reprimand, Suspension, and Termination (second paragraph). Success! Tentative agreement was reached. New language improves on current practice by securing our members' fundamental right to due process in a manner consistent with the spirit of that old chestnut known as "The Constitution of the United States of America."

At the last session, the BOR team presented a new proposal on Non-Tenure Track Appointments. The CSU-AAUP team responded with a formal information request. The BOR team reported today that the information is forthcoming.

CSU-AAUP proposed a range of housekeeping and non-economic changes during the last two bargaining sessions, including changes to 4.11.14 (regarding tenure in the penultimate year of service and decision-making), 9.1, 9.2, 9.3, 9.5.1 (Working Conditions), and 9.10 (CSU Grants). Tentative agreement was reached on one issue in 4.11.14 and all issues in 9.10. All other matters became controversial in ways that require a three-course sequence in fiction criticism to fully explore.

The State's current fiscal situation continues to complicate the contract negotiations of all bargaining units, and this will likely extend well past the passage of budget legislation, which is predicted to come for a vote in the state assembly during the week of May 8.

With our contract expiring August 25, 2016, the two sides have entered discussions on moving the commencement of arbitration to yet a later date and on the various options for extending the contract.

Following the next scheduled negotiation session, Thursday, May 19, 2016, negotiations will likely be placed in cryogenic sleep until later this year.

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