

# News

## 'Constructive' Negotiations ongoing between UPEI and Faculty

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The process of negotiations between UPEI and the faculty has improved markedly from the start of the month, when negotiations were at a standstill and the UPEI Faculty Association contemplated a strike vote.

Dr. Larry Hale, the President of the UPEIFA, described the current state of negotiations as 'constructive'.

He told the Cadre that negotiations were now entering a 'sensitive stage of the process'. Despite this, he remained upbeat and positive regarding the negotiations.

"Many things have been agreed to by both sides, many good things," Dr. Hale stated. "I would describe the deal as very 'doable', we just have to tie up the loose ends, but of course

some of these loose ends are looser than others."

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The UPEI website recently posted an encouraging update on negotiations citing the 'development of joint language in several key areas'. Dr. Hale says the UPEIFA agrees with the statement released by the administration.

Dr. Hale wished to reas-

sure students that he is very hopeful of coming to a deal with the university, saying "we want to work with the administration to make sure we get this done."

UPEI Student Union President Brandon MacKenzie said, "I am happy both sides have returned to the table and understand the seriousness of the situation." He added that the University administration is cautiously optimistic.

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