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Acadia University Faculty Association Files for Conciliation in Negotiations with Acadia University's Board of Governors

(Wolfville, Nova Scotia – September 5, 2017) The Acadia University Faculty Association (AUFA) has filed for a provincially-appointed conciliator to assist in talks with Acadia's Board of Governors for a 15<sup>th</sup> Collective Agreement.

Negotiations began productively in April but stalled in June after the sides began discussing financial items. AUFA's negotiating team was committed to securing a tentative agreement before the 14<sup>th</sup> Collective Agreement expired on 30 June and made significant concessions. The Board of Governors' negotiating team, however, insisted that they could not see a way to a deal.

"We are disappointed that negotiations stalled," said AUFA President Stephen Ahern, "but AUFA is committed to achieving a contract that recognizes the importance of our faculty in delivering the personalized education and high quality academic experience that the Administration promises."

AUFA's negotiating team has waited two months for the Board to return to the table with a counter to the Association's last offer and hopes a conciliator will be able to facilitate a return to productive bargaining.

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