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**Nipissing University Student Union**

## **NUSU Statement on Nipissing University Faculty and Administration Bargaining**

Within the last forty-eight hours, NUSU has been contacted by multiple students concerning a recent statement to the media from the Nipissing University Faculty Association (NUFA).

On Thursday, August 22nd, NUFA released a statement to the media regarding current negotiations surrounding the contracts of full-time academic staff.

NUFA stated that the Nipissing University Administration has "filed with the Ministry of Labour to send in a conciliator" and that negotiations are at a "standstill until mid-September".

While bargaining has been taking place, NUSU has met with both the University Administration and the Faculty Association. We have appreciated the transparency and communication from both sides.

We would like to publicly remind the Faculty Association and University Administration that it is imperative that an agreement is reached and that the academic and financial welfare of students are kept in mind. We are concerned about the stress this adds to students with other government changes, and funding constraints, which is why we are hoping for a quick resolution.

Our students, both on campus and long distance, remain our number one priority and we will continue to advocate that Nipissing University remains an institution committed to quality education.

We understand that this information can be alarming to our membership; however, we are dedicated to ensuring that student voices and concerns are heard. At this moment there is no other information until talks resume in mid-September. We will continue to communicate with the student body should there be any updates.