

**York University Faculty Association
General Meeting
Minutes
Wednesday September 4, 2001
13:00 – 16:00
Harry Crowe Room, Atkinson College**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Penni Stewart, at 13:05. She explained that the purpose of the meeting was to bring to the membership the tentative agreement reached between YUFA and the Board of Governors on August 2nd, 2001, and to address questions and concerns about the agreement and the negotiation process. She noted that, pursuant to Art. 13, s. 5 of the Constitution, voting would begin following a successful motion to adjourn, and shall be done by secret ballot procedure.

The Chair thanked the members of bargaining team -- Brenda Spotton Visano, Leslie Saunders, Ellie Perkins, Brent Roe and Mary Louise Craven --for their hard work and dedication throughout the negotiations, and extended a special thanks to Brett Cemer for his expertise in strategizing and drafting contract language. The Chair also thanked the members of bargaining support group, headed by Kathy Bischooping.

Overview of Negotiations Process

Chief Negotiator Brenda Spotton Visano presented the membership with a final report on the bargaining process. She thanked all YUFA members for their input and guidance, along with the YUSA staff members in the YUFA office. A special thanks was extended to Penni Stewart, Lorna Erwin, and Leslie Saunders for agreeing to remain on YUFA Executive for an additional six months in order to lend consistency and expertise to the YUFA team.

A brief discussion of the Chief Negotiator's report followed, and questions from the floor were addressed.

Motion 1: That the ratification vote be postponed for two weeks, during which time the Chief Negotiator would provide the summary to the entire membership. Proposed by Nuri Jazairi. Seconded by Anthony Wallis.

The Chair ruled this motion out of order.

Motion 2: That the Chair's ruling be challenged. Proposed by Anthony Wallis; seconded by (name unknown). Failed.

Members of the negotiating committee heard and responded to questions from the floor on elements of the tentative settlement relating to harassment procedures, teaching workload and the impact of the double cohort, graduate supervision, salaries for alternate stream, increasing class sizes, and the "mallings" of the University campus. The Chair also provided clarification on voting procedures.

Motion 3: That the meeting be adjourned, and voting on the proposed agreement begin. Proposed by Penni Stewart; seconded by Lorna Erwin. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 14:30.