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## **Bargaining Blaze #1** Conciliation Officer Called In

### **Ministry of Labour (MOL) Conciliation Officer Called In**

Your **USW 2010-01 Bargaining Committee for Academic Assistants** is working hard to create a Collective Agreement that is fair to everyone: our members and Queen's.

The Parties met June 2 (half day), June 9 (half day), June 10 (half day), and June 13 (full day).

When we met earlier this week with the Employer, it was clear that we are not close on several key issues that matter to our members.

As a matter of routine, USW files for conciliation through the MOL at the same time that we formally submit our notice to bargain to the Employer. This assured us of being able to secure, Greg Long, the Conciliation Officer from the Ministry that is most familiar with the university sector, as well as minimized delays in the negotiation process.

Both USW and the Employer agreed late on June 13th, that it was time to move to the conciliation process and contact the Ministry of Labour.

We have been very clear with the Employer that we are, and will continue to be, open to having discussions with them. However, after meeting with the Employer without a resolution on some major issues, we feel that we need Greg Long's help to move forward in this process. We remain committed to moving toward a collective agreement that respects the value that **Academic Assistants** add to the university.

Please watch our website for updates and actions to support your bargaining committee.

If you have questions, please contact us at [contact@usw2010.ca](mailto:contact@usw2010.ca).