

Nego Bulletin

As you may have heard, the news media reported last week that there was a stall in the drafting and signing of our Collective Agreement. This has since been confirmed by the CSN, in particular, that the Central Table agreement drawn up by the government for certain sectors did not exactly match the agreement in principle that had been reached in December.

The drafts of the agreement that the government brought to the central table for signing contained a differentiation in salary raises between certain sectors, meaning that certain workers, up to 40 000, would not benefit from the full salary increase that was agreed upon. This differentiation was not stated in the agreement in principle in December. In fact, it was never even previously mentioned at the table. Cégep teachers are not part of a sector that would have been adversely affected.

The three partners of the Common Front have stated unequivocally that no Collective Agreements, including that of FNEEQ's, will be signed until this discrepancy is rectified. While the implications of this potential blockage are serious, the negotiators appear confident for the moment that the matter will resolve itself. We remain on standby for further news and developments on this front.

In the meantime, the drafting of our Collective Agreement is ongoing. According to sources at FNEEQ, if all goes well, a draft should be ready for official signature by May 2016.

We will keep you posted on any developments. Please find a memo from the CSN on the matter [here](#).