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### **Via Email**

March 16, 2023

Dear Mr. Johnston,

I write, once again, to request that you provide us with your availability to return to the bargaining table to negotiate a collective agreement.

I note that this is our third such request in 10 days, and that we have received no response whatsoever to our first two letters.

As you are well aware, the UPEIFA's strike deadline is imminent. Your refusal to come to the table - or to even respond to requests for meetings - is in stark opposition to the employer's repeated public professions of wanting to avoid a labour disruption. Moreover, in their most recent communication to students, the UPEISU made it clear that they expect us to be at the table, working to avert a strike that could threaten their semester.

I also note that in their latest message to faculty, staff, and students (March 16), the employer made a number of unsubstantiated claims about the cost of some of the FA's proposals. You will recall that in our February 23rd meeting, you agreed to provide the FA with details of how you arrived at your costing of these proposals. To date, we have not received any such information from you.

It is time for you to come to the table and work seriously towards coming to a fair and reasonable agreement that will avert a protracted strike, and preserve the educational quality our students deserve.

Therefore, I once again request that you send me a list of potential dates for meetings between our parties, at your earliest convenience.

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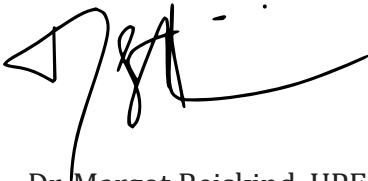
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Margot Rejskind', written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Margot Rejskind, UPEIFA Lead Negotiator

cc. Mr. Pat Sinnott, Chair, UPEI Board of Governors

Dr. Greg Keefe, Interim President, UPEI

Dr. Michael Arfken, President, UPEIFA