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NOVA SCOTIA TEACHERS UNION

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NSTU and NSCC reach tentative agreement for faculty members

The Nova Scotia Teachers Union and Nova Scotia Community College have reached a tentative collective agreement on behalf of faculty members employed by the College. This afternoon the NSTU provincial executive recommended acceptance of the tentative agreement. The tentative agreement was reached after a year and a half of negotiating. The faculty bargaining unit includes some 732 members who teach at NSCC campuses across the province.

"Our goal throughout these negotiations has been to reach a fair and equitable agreement that addresses the particular needs of our faculty members," says NSTU president Shelley Morse. "We will continue to bargain on behalf of our professional support group."

Both the NSTU and NSCC are looking at dates to continue to negotiate a new collective agreement for the 156-member professional support bargaining unit, made up of professionals such as registrars, librarians, counsellors, student support workers and training coordinators at NSCC campuses across Nova Scotia.

Faculty campus representatives were given details of the agreement this evening, which they will share with their members on Monday, May 13. A ratification vote has been set for May 22, 2013.

The Nova Scotia Teachers Union represents more than 10,000 public school teachers, Community College faculty and professional support staff in Nova Scotia, and teachers who work for the Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. Since 1895, it has worked to improve the quality of public education for children and youth in Nova Scotia, while promoting and advancing the teaching profession.