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Unofficial Results: Narrow majority of Ontario college faculty accept final offer

51% support offer in provincial vote

Close vote requires official review by the Ontario Labour Relations Board

(Sault Ste. Marie, ON February 11, 2010) Unofficial results indicate that a 51.25 percent majority of college faculty accepted the colleges' final offer yesterday. The official final vote will be determined after a review of all the ballots, including segregated ballots and mail-in ballots, by the Ontario Labour Relations Board (OLRB).

"I'm very pleased and relieved that our students are able to continue with their classes," said Ron Common, President of Sault College. "We are glad that many professors in the province saw the offer as fair and reasonable. When comparing the Sault College vote to the provincial results, it's obvious that many professors had concerns or misunderstandings about the offer, however, and we'll have to work to address those."

"We respect the fact that our faculty had the opportunity to vote on the offer, and we respect their vote," added Common. "We wanted to make sure that faculty had a chance to vote."

Dr. Rachael Donovan, chair of the colleges' bargaining team states, "We will now have to wait for the official province-wide results that the OLRB will certify as quickly as possible. Obviously, we hope that the official results will be available soon. We appreciate how anxious our students and our faculty members are about the results."

The colleges' final offer provides workload and salary improvements for faculty, including a 5.9 per cent salary increase that moves the maximum salary to more than \$102,000 by September 2011. The colleges' workload improvements include giving faculty more control over how workload is assigned.

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