

Our savvy negotiator and grievance officer, Matt Hyle asks: Did you know, the IFO/MnSCU Master Agreement ends on June 30, 2017?

As the exclusive representative of the university faculty, the IFO is preparing for upcoming negotiations on the next contract. Each university has a faculty representative on the negotiating team. The team is preparing for the first round of positions. The biennial Delegate Assembly passes resolutions which guide the team in constructing the opener and in negotiating changes in the terms and conditions of employment.

At this time, the team meets to develop an opener and a strategy. Typically, sessions with management do not start before April. Historically, management is unwilling to engage in any discussions concerning economic issues until the biennial budget for MnSCU has been passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor.

As the WSU representative, it is both my duty and my pleasure to represent your views. Hearing your concerns and views about the contract are welcome and useful guides. Please do not hesitate to contact me to tell me your thoughts.