UC, UPTE Union Agree to Make Reaching Settlements Their Top Priority

The University of California announced on October 31st that UC and the University Professional and Technical Employees (CWA-UPTE) union have agreed to meet again and make reaching settlements their top priority.

In a joint letter signed by the university and the union, UC agreed not to implement its contract terms, and CWA-UPTE agreed not to participate in any strike activity at the campuses or medical centers. These high-level meetings are in the process of being scheduled.

The parties have been bargaining since October 2011 and had reached an impasse. The process also has included assistance from a state mediator and a neutral fact-finder.

“UC is pleased to have this opportunity to work collaboratively with CWA-UPTE and we are hopeful that a fair and financially sustainable settlement is within reach,” said Dwaine B. Duckett, Vice President of Human Resources for the University of California.