

Round-up for the week of January 18 - 24

POLITICAL ROUND-UP

UNA and ATA issued Zeros from Arbitrator

On Jan.10, [<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/edmonton/ata-una-wage-freeze-nurses-teachers-arbitration-1.5423602> | the United Nurses of Alberta and the Alberta Teachers Association were issued no wage increases in arbitration] . While the UCP and AHS were pushing for wage rollbacks (as they are at our tables), the decision came down to the independent arbitrator.

AUPE's members are still waiting for a decision from the arbitrator assigned to the GoA and AHS tables.

Government Confirms New Session will begin February 25

[<https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=67425AC559BFA-D83D-CE22-F55885D092514D23> | MLAs will return to the Legislature on February 25] . This new session will begin with a Speech from the Throne, which means old Bills that did not pass during the last session are dead.

Still Expecting AHS Review

The government contracted Ernst and Young to [<https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-health-services-review.aspx> | review the organization, services and programs of Alberta Health Services (AHS)] . The company's report should have been delivered on schedule to government by December 31. No date has been provided on when the report will be shared publicly.

New University Funding Model Unveiled

The UCP introduced a [<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/edmonton/performance-based-funding-post-secondary-education-reactions-1.5434081> | new outcome-based post-secondary funding model] . While it's not yet clear what performance measures will be used to determine how much funding the schools receive, graduate employment and salaries, sponsored research revenue and program enrolment are among them.

JOB LOSSES

As of January 24, 2020, we have been notified of the following job losses. Since January 17, 2020, we have been notified of 44 job losses for members*.

University of Lethbridge

Four vacant AUPE positions eliminated: maintenance worker III, systems

support specialist II, technical specialist I, fine arts technician III.

Alberta Innovates

Last year, 48 members at Alberta Innovates received layoff notices. AUPE agreed at the employer's request to extend the notice period so that the members wouldn't be getting layoff notices just prior to Christmas; their final day worked will be Jan. 23.

University of Calgary

In early November, the Board announced they were cutting 250 positions (150 FTEs, of which 100 are expected to be AUPE members).

*This week : Forty-four Permanent FTE reductions.

Government of Alberta

Employer informed AUPE that 2,500 bargaining unit positions will be eliminated between April, 2020 and April, 2023.

Alberta Health Services

Employer informed AUPE that they intend to cut 2,000 to 3,000 GSS FTEs between April, 2020 and April, 2023 and up to 400 Nursing Care FTEs beginning April 1, 2020.

Last week : Reduction of 4 Permanent FTEs in the Food Production Centre (054/009)

WAGE ROLLBACKS

Bargaining tables where the employer is or will consider tabling wage rollbacks of -2%:

Government of Alberta
University of Lethbridge
Athabasca University
Alberta Health Services/Nursing Care
Alberta Health Services/General Support Staff
Alberta University of the Arts
Lethbridge College
Carewest Nursing Care
Carewest General Support Staff
Alberta Pension Services Corporation (APS)
Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT)
Medicine Hat College
Covenant Health - St. Therese Villa

Canterbury Foundation
SAIT

EVENT ROUND-UP

Rallies and events you don't want to miss! (January 24 - 31)

Fightback Rallies

Wednesday, January 29 Harley Hotchkiss Gardens

12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. 611 4 St SW, Calgary

Contact: Lynda McIntosh, ltosh1234@gmail.com

All AUPE members and our supporters are invited to join this info-picket on their non-work time.

CHECK OUT

Fill out AUPE's working short [<https://www.aupe.org/news/news-and-updates/take-aupes-working-short-survey> | survey]

[<https://www.aupe.org/news/news-and-updates/nominations-open-years-dove-award> | Nominations for this year's Dove Award open until Feb. 12]

[<https://www.aupe.org/news/news-and-updates/nominations-rolyn-sumlak-award-now-open> | Nominations for the Rolyn Sumlak award open until March 1]

[<https://www.aupe.org/news/news-and-updates/legal-aid-rally-postponed-fight-against-cuts-continues> | Send a letter to the Justice Minister asking him to reverse the Legal Aid cuts]

[<https://lethbridgeherald.com/news/lethbridge-news/2020/01/21/aupe-rally-sends-angry-message-to-the-provincial-government/> | AUPE rally sends angry message to the provincial government]

[https://www.facebook.com/yourAUPE/posts/10157850314120970?__xts__ | Canada's unions stand in solidarity with co-op refinery workers]