

UMFA Fact Check: University of Manitoba releases misleading information

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Late last night the university administration released a statement designed to undermine the confidence of UMFA members in their union. The administration claims that a generous offer was made to UMFA members.

The reality is that their “offer” includes salary increments that were already included in the collective agreement.

Had the university administration seriously offered to put 9.5% in new money on the table, a strike may have been averted. The university administration rejected an earlier offer from UMFA that would have equaled less than a 9.5% increase over the term of the contract.

Fact: University of Manitoba President Michael Bennaroch has publicly acknowledged that UMFA members have lost approximately 8% of the value of their wages due to inflation during the last contract.

Fact: The University of Manitoba still ranks 14th out of 15th in terms of compensation among the 15 largest research intensive universities in Canada.

Fact: The University of Manitoba had a \$94 Million dollar surplus last year and has the ability to offer faculty a competitive salary.

UMFA calls on the university administration to come to the bargaining table with a reasonable salary offer to end the strike and to not circulate misleading information.