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Western’s librarians and archivists to hold strike vote

(London, ON - September 21, 2009) Unionized Librarians and Archivists at the University of Western Ontario will hold a strike vote Friday September 25th to strengthen demands for a fair and equitable contract settlement. The Friday vote will immediately follow a General Meeting beginning at 12:00 noon of the UWOFA-LA membership. Librarians and Archivists have been without a contract since July 1, 2009. Conciliator John Quinn is scheduled to meet with both the UWOFA-LA Negotiating Team and the employer Thursday September 24, one day prior to the strike vote.

Outstanding issues include: language on Annual Report & Review, Workload, Promotion and Continuing Appointment, Reassignment, and Compensation and Benefits. Strike Vote results will be released Monday, September 28, after ballots close.

“The professional librarians and archivists at Western just want fairness, respect and job security,” said UWOFA president Regna Darnell. “They deserve that respect, given that they are, quite simply, indispensable to faculty and students, and to any world class university library system.”

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