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SIAS accepts mediator's report

September 16, 2011 – SIAS today accepted the report prepared by mediator Tom Hodges and is pleased that the Saskatchewan Government and General Employees' Union (SGEU) bargaining units representing SIAS employees are doing the same.

"The mediator's report requires some concessions, but we recognize that it represents the work of an experienced mediator who worked with both parties to understand the issues," says Dr. Robert G. McCulloch, SIAS's president and CEO. "As such we have accepted the report in its entirety and will use it as the basis of a settlement. We are prepared to meet and finalize a memorandum of agreement immediately, paving the way for employees to vote on the settlement."

Dr. McCulloch added that he's pleased students will be able to continue their education uninterrupted and that staff and instructors will be on the job Monday.

The full report will be posted at www.campusupdate.ca.

SIAS's unionized employees are members of SGEU's Professional Services and Academic bargaining units.

SIAS is Saskatchewan's primary public institution for post-secondary technical education and skills training, recognized nationally and internationally for its expertise and innovation. More than 15,000 students were enrolled in SIAS programs in the most recent academic year; additionally, the organization drew almost 25,000 individual course registrations. Through program and course registrations, SIAS served almost 26,000 distinct students with programs that touch every sector of the economy. SIAS

operates campuses in Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, Regina and Saskatoon, and provides a number of courses and programs through distance education.

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