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SIAS reaches tentative deals with bargaining units

Agreements subject to ratification by members

February 21, 2007 – The Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology has reached tentative agreements with its Academic and Professional Services bargaining units. The agreements, which have yet to be ratified, follow several days of mediation and negotiations.

“All parties worked exceptionally hard to bring mediation to a successful conclusion,” says Gary Mearns, associate vice president, human resources. “We have reached agreements that respond both to the needs of management and SIAS employees.”

Details of the deals are not available. SIAS’s Academic Bargaining Unit represents approximately 1,300 faculty members across the organization; the Professional Services Bargaining Unit represents approximately 550 support staff. Both bargaining units are part of the Saskatchewan Government and General Employees’ Union.

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 12,000 students are registered in SIAS programs, which

touch every sector of the economy; additionally, the organization draws more than 28,000 individual course registrations. It 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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