

Gordon D Hebb - NSAC legislation

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Hello,

I want to start out by saying that I have waited patiently for the legislation regarding NSAC's transfer to Dalhousie, having faith in the words spoken to me by representatives of the government. I have been an employee of the NSGov since 1980 and I put my trust in my employer to do as they said they would do - take care of the employees from NSAC as we transition to a new employer. I went to all of the meetings, wrote my letters to my MLA and voiced my concerns that throughout this process the focus was on monetary assets and not employees.

I quote from Ms Zann:

"A letter was recently sent to the NSGEU president Joan Jessome, which was forwarded to all staff and faculty on Tues Feb 7th. The letter, signed by both Susan Spence Wach (Associate Vice-President of Dalhousie) and Paul Le Fleche (Deputy Minister of Dept of Agriculture) reinforces both Dalhousie's and the Province's commitment to achieve an agreement which minimizes impacts on employees in order to make this merger successful and confirms that "Dalhousie and the Province are united in their belief that the success of the proposed merger depends in large part on the staff and employees of the college".

As an MLA I would be embarrassed to support the legislation as written. Basic protections such as bargaining rights or PSA are not even mentioned. Two items that we were assured would be protected. Do the dollar signs generated by ownership of quota rate more discussion than the employees. It is almost laughable.

I hope that the members of our legislative assembly take the time to really look at how the legislation is focused on assets and making the transition easier for Dalhousie than it is on what is right for the employees of NSAC.

This bill needs to be stopped now.

Sincerely
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