



## **Nova Scotia Professors' Association Slams St FX Administration**

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(Halifax – February 12, 2013) With the faculty strike at St Francis Xavier University entering its third week, the Association of Nova Scotia University Teachers (ANSUT) calls for the Employer to return to the bargaining table and engage in serious negotiations.

“The Employer’s conduct to date is appalling,” declared ANSUT President, Chris Ferns. “Instead of sitting down with the faculty association and negotiating a settlement, they apparently prefer to bargain in the media, and have repeatedly tried to mislead the public on the two sides’ respective positions.”

“Over the past year there have been satisfactory settlements at Saint Mary’s, Mount Saint Vincent, and one of the bargaining units at NSCAD,” said Ferns. “These involved tough negotiations, and in some cases the assistance of a conciliator. But in no case did we see anything like the antics of the St Francis Xavier administration.”

Ferns also noted that while some of St Francis Xavier’s senior administrators are among the highest paid in the province, faculty salaries at St Francis Xavier lag behind the provincial average. “What the university needs to do is reset its priorities, and address the real concerns of the excellent faculty who are committed to providing high quality education to the students of St Francis Xavier.”

The Association of Nova Scotia University Teachers represents more than half the faculty in the province.

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