

## Bargaining Bulletin

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### DFA 2020 Bargaining Team

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### At-the-Table Update: Fourth Collective Bargaining Meeting - Monday, August 17

The DFA Bargaining Team met with the Dalhousie Board of Governors Bargaining Team yesterday afternoon. Dalhousie's Registrar presented preliminary enrolment numbers. In June, the Board predicted a 29% decrease in enrolment for the Fall term, but figures to date show a 3% increase in enrolment.

The following information is quoted from the Registrar's presentation: "The overall headcount for Dalhousie students is **18,759** which is an increase of 3.0% over last year (547 students).

- At the undergraduate level, (including Dentistry, Medicine and Law) this is a 4.7% increase when compared to last year (654 students).
- Graduate-level enrolment is showing a decrease this week of -2.9% (-101 students).
- Our New from High School cohort has an increase of 2.7% (or 72 students) relative to this time last year
- Canadian/Permanent Resident enrolment has an increase of 3.4% (474 students).
- International enrolment has an increase of 1.7% (73 students)".

The DFA team expects updated registration numbers by the third week of September, after the add/drop deadline of September 18.

Bargaining Teams for the DFA and the Board are back at the table again this afternoon. Dalhousie Executive Director of Occupational Health and Safety Mr. Jerry Aguinaga will attend the meeting to discuss Dalhousie's return-to-campus protocols. DFA equity proposals will also be discussed.

### Update from the Job Actions Committee

The Job Actions Committee continues planning for a lock-out or strike. Subcommittees have been formed to further develop plans for communications, physical and virtual picketing, and

payroll process. Please email our Job Action Coordinator [Tara.Perrot@dal.ca](mailto:Tara.Perrot@dal.ca) if you would like to participate in the planning.

## Online Communications

If a lock-out or strike happens, DFA will rely heavily on various social media platforms, email and our website for communicating with our Membership. Be sure to follow us on Twitter and Instagram ([@dalfacultyassoc](https://www.instagram.com/dalfacultyassoc)), and like our Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/dalfacultyassoc>).

## Next Steps

**Bargaining Dates:** We have two remaining dates scheduled for Collective Bargaining: today and August 31. Additional dates for September are being scheduled. We will distribute bulletins after the meetings. At any time, if you have questions or comments, you can email [dfa@dal.ca](mailto:dfa@dal.ca) or DFA President Dave Westwood at [david.a.westwood@gmail.com](mailto:david.a.westwood@gmail.com).

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