

As you know, after a year of formal negotiations, we have progressed to mediation with the expectation of facilitating a mutual agreement. The University is committed to mediation, and we have met twice thus far with the federal mediator and members of the UPI negotiating team. We have additional mediation sessions scheduled for Nov. 27, Dec. 4 and Dec. 18.

We are concerned that misinformation continues to be shared. This misinformation is unsettling to our University community, and can undermine any progress that both parties are striving to achieve. This continued rhetoric risks harm to the institution's reputation, which in turn can have a detrimental effect on enrollment and recruitment initiatives.

Through our continued efforts, we look forward to a positive resolution.

For further updates, visit wiu.edu/provost/negotiationsupdate.php.