EOU's Administration Bargaining Team and the Associated Academic Professionals (AAP) Bargaining Team, representing the faculty union at EOU, participated in two two-hour negotiating sessions, February 19 and 20, 2014. These sessions were again conducted following Interest-Based Bargaining (IBB) processes and procedures.

EOU's team consisted of OUS Associate General Counsel Brian Caufield(Chief Negotiator), Sarah Witte, Art Doherty, and Jacque Naegle. AAP’s team consisted of Donald Wolff (Chief Negotiator), Joe Corsini, Scott McConnell, Abel Mendoza, and DeAnna Timmermann (February 19 only, with Rebecca Hartman filling in on February 20).

The first session focused on Article 2: Rights of Members.  It includes the processes for notification and response between AAP and the President when financial conditions warrant retrenchment or exigency.

The beginning of the second session again focused on fine-tuning Article 2, reviewing and incorporating most of the revisions agreed to at the previous session.

Then the two teams turned their attention to Article 10: Salary. AAP presented an overview of the university’s budget, using revised estimates based on discussions with the Vice President for Finance and Administration, Lara Moore. The two teams moved closer to a shared understanding of Eastern’s budget.

The next sessions will also be devoted to a discussion of Eastern’s budget and its connection to interests previously identified by the two teams for negotiating Article 10.

The teams agreed to the following schedule for the next bargaining sessions:

March 5: 3 – 5 p.m., IH 201
March 6: 8 – 10 a.m., IH 201
March 11: 3 – 5 p.m., Ackerman 210 (Classroom)
March 12: 8 – 10 a.m., Alumni Room Ackerman