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TO: All CUPE Manitoba Local Presidents and Secretaries in Manitoba

There have reports in the media that Manitoba Conservative government is seeking to impose conditions on negotiations between the University of Manitoba and the University of Manitoba Faculty Association. It was reported on [October 28, 2016](#) that the University of Manitoba was directed to extend the UMFA contract for one year with zero percent wage increases. Further, it has been reported that this measure could apply to public bodies generally. No announcement has been made by the provincial government on the issue, although Premier Pallister asserted publicly that he would not rule out wage freezes.

"Collective bargaining must be open and free," said Kelly Moist, President of CUPE Manitoba. "CUPE will continue to work for fair and reasonable wages and working conditions for our members."

Added Moist: "We expect the provincial government to respect the integrity of the collective bargaining process."

CUPE continues to monitor the situation closely, and will be in further communication if and when further information is obtained.