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Question:

What's going on with the Part Time Campaign?

Answer:

The part time campaign is moving forward toward unionization, but I wouldn't start spending the potentially larger paycheques or cancel any private health care plans at any time in the near future.

The campaign has had a vote a couple of months ago with existing part-time members being asked to cast ballots, voting either in favour of or against the process of unionization.

The ballot boxes have not yet been opened and consequently the vote results have not been counted.

Soon after the vote, the Colleges issued a "preliminary objection" to the Labour board which basically disputes the voter's list which is in large part their own list of part-time employees.

This objection must be resolved so the voter's lists can somehow be verified. In some part the Union has segregated all votes for all names that did not appear on the original lists.

Only after resolution of the voter's lists can the boxes can be opened and the votes tallied.

Preliminary objections are unfortunately "normal" when the Colleges are presented with new situations that could be interpreted as threats to their operational status quo.

So yes, the Part Time Campaign is alive and well.

It's just not moving as quickly as we all would like to appreciate. The last update was 03 April and you can follow along or in the present case of objection resolution, you get caught up on the proceedings.

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