

SEAMO NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE

2000 December 18

CLINICAL TEACHERS AGREE TO EXTENSION OF ALTERNATIVE FUNDING AGREEMENT

The Clinical Teachers' Association of Queen's University today agreed to extend the current *Alternative Funding Agreement* for three months to allow conclusion of ongoing negotiation of a new multiyear agreement. It is expected that SEAMO's other Signatories (Queen's University, Kingston General Hospital, Hotel Dieu Hospital, Providence Continuing Care Centre) will also agree to this brief extension.

Any new agreement will be retroactive to 2001 January 01. The proposal to extend the Agreement for three months received the required "double two-thirds" majority. This test required two-thirds of the votes cast and two-thirds of the Departments with more than four GFTs voting to agree to the extension.

On 2000 December 11, the Ministry of Health presented an offer to SEAMO. The SEAMO Governing Committee unanimously rejected this offer. The Ministry asked SEAMO to agree to a brief extension in order to allow negotiations to continue. Further, the Ministry indicated that its offer would be improved.

Dean and SEAMO CEO, Dr. David Walker said, "I am pleased that the Clinical Teachers have agreed to this extension. I trust that when discussions continue early in January, negotiators will speedily conclude satisfactory arrangements which will allow this Medical School to continue to meet the health needs of the population it serves and the academic needs of our learners and research community."