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Irish Federation of University Teachers**

PRESS RELEASE

**IFUT rejects Croke Park proposals by
two-to-one majority**

24 May 2010

The Irish Federation of University Teachers (IFUT) today (Monday, 24 May) rejected the Croke Park proposals on pay and conditions for public servants.

In the ballot, 67.68% of the membership voted 'No', while 32.32% voted in favour.

IFUT General Secretary, Mike Jennings, said the vote "reflects the strong determination of our members not to have their job contracts put forward for binding arbitration.

"IFUT will be casting its vote against the proposals at the Public Service Committee of ICTU and will be seeking to ensure that the status quo remains in place. We are determined not to have the Croke Park proposals imposed on our members by a majority of other unions.

"The fact of the matter is that recent statements from many quarters, notably the Higher Education Authority, suggest there is substantial evidence of plans to radically change the entire work conditions of university staff.

"We believe, given the already major cuts in pay and conditions imposed on our members, combined with an increasing workload, that the financial consequences from the current economic crisis cannot be inflicted on public sector workers on a never-ending basis," Mr Jennings said.

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