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FROM Patsi McMurchy, Secretary.....
.....Fine Arts Department.....
DATE Feb.26/87.....PHONE 2757.....

I have just attended the Feb.26/87 general membership meeting to discuss officially joining CUPE now that our 2 year service contract (trial period) is up. I must say that I am astonished at what went on at this meeting! First of all, I wonder what the personal vendetta is that Kitty Byrne has against the new executive? I was truly embarassed at her behaviour - which was that of a ruler dethroned!!! Have I missed something crucial that went on between Kitty (and/or the past executive) and our new executive? (I read all the mail-outs...) Were you, the new executive, not elected to your positions? There wasn't a "coup d'etat" in CUE recently was there? No, I didn't think so! As a CUE member and potential new CUPE member I was so embarassed to have 2 CUPE representatives (both MEN) witness the emotional rantings, ravings, paranoia and un-educated (or unprepared) goings-on of some of our membership (which were all WOMEN, except one) --- in other words, this was a seemingly sexist example of men being reasonable, calm, collected and prepared while the women were just the opposite. A stereotype that we don't need to encourage! I know this is not how it really is - it's just how we made it seem.

All that aside, I welcome you as our new executive and I STRONGLY FAVOUR joining CUPE, if for no other reason than if we don't, our union will surely be "blown away" by our dear employer, UBC!

Patsi McMurchy