



association of university and college employees

December 7, 1983

Mr. Mike Kramer
Secretary-Treasurer
B.C. Federation of Labour
3110 Boundary Road
Burnaby, B.C.
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Dear Mr. Kramer:

RE: Operation Solidarity (Trade Union
Committee) Meeting December 13, 1983

I am writing to you on the direction of Mr. David Rice whom I have spoken with today. He has suggested that I formally request voting status for the meeting noted above and for future meetings. Our particular local of the Association of University and College Employees has recently voted to secede from our Provincial Organization. We are currently deliberating on the question of independence or merger with a large, established union. We have been instructed by our Provincial that as AUCE has a delegated vote (approved by the B.C. FED) and as we are no longer a formal affiliate of the Provincial, that we no longer have any voting status as AUCE. Any approved voting status would now go to the two remaining locals.

Our organization has approximately 1400 members. We have paid to Operation Solidarity an upfront amount exceeding the annual percapita levy on behalf of all our members. Further, we have been very active at all levels of the Solidarity movement and we feel that we have earned a right to ongoing voting status.

Mr. Rice has stated to me that he sympathizes with our rather untenable position and has agreed to discuss this with you if you wish. It is our hope that you will allow us the privilege of continued, representative participation.

Your consideration in this matter is most greatly appreciated.

In Solidarity,

Ms. Fairleigh Wettig
Union Organizer
AUCE Local 1 (UBC)