

SPECIAL EXECUTIVE MEETING
October 28, 1983

MINUTES

PRESENT: Ted Byrne, Patricia House, Fairleigh Wettig, Marcel Dionne,
Kitti Cheema Shirley Irvine, Karen Shaw, other interested members

1. Ted reported on his meeting with the Union's lawyer....
 - a) the motions are in order and other unions around the province are doing this as well (AUCE Local 2 passed it last night)
 - b) the motions should be worded as a political protest and it should not be considered a strike
2. Ruby Rudd spoke about having a mail out ballot and said she was speaking for a number of people who felt it should go to mail out ballot on a strike issue and they want to amend the by-laws accordingly.
Nancy Wiggs pointed out that to send any motion to referendum, all one has to do is to stand up before the question is called and make a procedural motion to send it out to mail referendum.
3. Judi Wolch asked if we could extend the meeting on Monday if we have to. Ted suggested that we could continue the meeting another time. It was decided to extend the meeting if necessary.
4. Ted reported that CUPE 116 is going to comply with the B.C.Fed. & Solidarity directives and will call their members out on November 8/83 but there won't any pickets on campus before that as far as we can ascertain.
5. Fairleigh reported that the nurses, OTEU, Operating engineers are all prepared to go out. TAU strike vote will be held Nov.17 and they will go out if it is passed. So there will be legal picket lines of campus unions in the next three weeks. Ted said that we have been participating in Solidarity and made those decisions in accordance with our by-laws and we are a union and we have an obligation to continue.
6. Question was raised about how things will be organized from a practical stand point. There will be a phone number to call and there will be announcements through the press. If you encounter a picket line at your regular entrance you should turn back and not try to find a way to sneak in.
Marcel Dionne said that we can't second guess the University's reaction but they would have to follow our contract with regard to disciplining members.
Fairleigh said that if we are going to expect other union's support in the future and Solidarity's support when layoffs happen here or if we have to strike; we won't be able to count on support of other unions. At the Westbrook dinner pedersen reported that 89% of the University's budget is salaries so if cuts come they will obviously will be cutting positions.
Marcel Dionne feels that the Executive should withdraw the two motions printed on the green sheet as the earlier motions passed by the membership cover what is in those motions printed now. What if the green sheet motions are not passed what does this mean in relation to the earlier motions?
Procedurally we have a problem. There was discussion of this. Kitti Cheema pointed out that we haven't passed a specific plan of action but that we would follow Operation Solidarity's plan. Nancy Wiggs asked exactly what was going to happen on Monday (membership meeting)? She was told that the Executive has decided to withdraw the green sheet motions as they have already been dealt with by the membership.
7. Employee Relations has approached us and offered to write a letter asking for exemption from Bill 3 if we don't participate in the protest/picketing. Of course, no such letter has been written so far and this offer was not made formally in writing and the University can not promise exemption that is a provincial government decision.

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taken by Karen Shaw

When Patricia was ill

It'll have to be returned
tapped to Union Office

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