

OPEN LETTER TO AUCE MEMBERS

We, the undersigned, declare our support for AUCE. We favour becoming part of the larger labour movement but wish to retain our identity as AUCE - a union built on membership participation and control. We prefer to expend our energy maintaining and improving our contract rather than fighting to democratize a larger, bureaucratic union.

We do not advocate becoming a "company union", making "sweetheart" deals with the university administration. We do advocate fighting for significant changes in the working conditions and wages of public sector service workers. AUCE is in the forefront of the struggle to attain equal pay for work of equal value, improved maternity benefits, and recognition of the value of white collar labour. Our contract is substantially better than most existing contracts, including those of BCGEU, CUPE and OTEU.

As AUCE, we have a choice: affiliating with the CCU now, as we stand, or lobbying for admission to the CLC. However, by itself, membership in either organization will not make us a stronger or better union - neither will changing our name. We can be more influential in either labour organization as AUCE than as an insignificant part of another union. True labour solidarity is achieved by actively supporting other workers.

We believe that AUCE remains the best union to represent the workers at Simon Fraser, but whatever the result of the affiliation referenda, we will continue to act in the best interests of this bargaining unit.

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