

ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE EMPLOYEES
INQUIRY INTO SECESSION
AUCE LOCAL 5

QUESTIONNAIRE

As you were informed in our recent letter to you, this questionnaire is being circulated as the first step of our inquiry into the petition to secede received from members of Local 5.

We are sure you will agree that the question of your Local's future is a serious one. Please give us your responses and your views on each point. Your answers will not only help us conduct our inquiry but will be an aid in evaluating AUCE and its organization.

Enclosed is a return addressed, stamped envelope. The completed questionnaires must be returned to the Provincial and:

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April 29
THURSDAY, ~~MARCH 25~~, 1982

1. Why do you think your local wishes to secede from AUCE?

- *The first reason that Local 5 wants to secede from AUCE is certain members of the previous executive want to avoid discipline from the Provincial and would lose face*
- *Lama Owens had a very strong influence on the members with public speaking abilities and previous labour experience. She knew more about the labour scene than the rest of the membership.*
- *Also many members feel that the Provincial left everyone in a lurch during the last strike. The only info given to the membership was what L. Owens and her*

2. Are you: Male group thought we should know and only her version. Also everyone was disallusioned over the weak stand Provincial took over C.C.U. DO SOMETHING !!
Female

3. Please check your age group: under 20
20 - 30
30 - 40
over 40

4. How long have you been a member of AUCE? 4 years

5. Have you ever belonged to another union? Yes
No

If so, which ones? Retail Workers

6. What kind of work do you do at the College? clerical

7. Have you ever held any office in AUCE Local 5? Yes
No

Do you plan to? Yes
No

8. Have you attended local meetings where secession was discussed?

Yes
No

How many?

Got tired of rail-roading, intimidation & mis-leading information

9. Were arguments presented on the advantages of staying in AUCE as well as on the advantages of leaving? Did you feel only one side was given fair time?. Please comment.

10. Would you attend a meeting to hear other opinions?

Yes *if chaired by Provincial executive*
No

11. Has time been provided at membership meetings for your Local's Provincial Representatives to make reports? Have they in fact made reports?

 never talked about

12. How much did last year's strike affect your view of AUCE?

 changed my entire opinion of unions.

13. AUCE was set up as a feminist alternative to the more traditional "male-controlled" unions. Our aims and objectives include:
-- organizing the unorganized -- especially women
-- speaking out publicly on issues important to workers -- especially women
-- maintaining a membership controlled (as opposed to an executive controlled) structure

Do you generally agree or disagree with these objectives?

Agree

Disagree

What changes would you make to these aims and objectives?

closer ties with all AUCE locals.

14. Do you think that the Provincial Executive has lived up to its responsibilities?

Yes

No

What have they done right or wrong?

*- totally forgotten the defenceless members of local 5
- hid behind autonomy
- have not shown leadership or that they believe in their objectives*

15. What should a Provincial organization do to assist and support a union such as yours?

- Monitor the Local's activities closer and act a little more responsible.

16. Do you have specific complaints about AUCE or the Provincial Executive? What are they?

I feel totally let down by Provincial

I was a complete AUCE supporter until the strike.

17. Members of other AUCE locals would like to see AUCE in the CCU. How do you think your leaving AUCE would affect this possibility?

Do not understand this question

18. Would you like all AUCE locals to joint the CCU?

Yes

No

19. If the affiliation policy changed at Convention, would that change your attitude about secession?

Yes

No

Why or why not? not the issue

20. Do you want your Local to secede from AUCE? Yes

No But we certainly
need more support for
Provincial

Please feel free to use the remaining space for any comments you may have.
We would be pleased to hear anything you have to say.

Do you realize that AUCE Local 5 is being run by people who don't even work at the College. Many people feel the same way but are afraid to go to meetings or voice an opinion.