

Minutes of UBCCCA Meeting October 28th

In attendance: Fairleigh Wettig AUCE; John Black TAU; Jonathan Katz Faculty; Ray Schulz Chaplaincy; John Gates AMS; Paul Richter Faculty; Bill Collier LSAB; Kevin Annett SAB; George Hermanson Chaplaincy; Harold Kasinsky Faculty; Andre Sobolewski Chairperson; Jim Gaskell Faculty; Ted Byrne AUCE; Mike Howlett GSS; Mike Burke TAU; Lisa Hebert AMS; Horacio de la Cueva TAU.

1) The general strike and faculty:

Report by Andre on meeting with Dennis Pavlich - basically no stand taken by Fac. Assoc. per se. General discussion of what role faculty can play in a strike, and what the likelihood is that many faculty will support the strike - not very encouraging. Harold Kasinsky said he would contact Phil Resnick to see if it might be possible to organise a faculty group against the budget. Various suggestions as to what actions such a group might take (education etc.).

2) The general strike and students:

Report from Bill Collier on founding of SAB and LSAB.

Motion: that the Alliance welcome UBC Students Against the Budget as members, and Kevin Annett as delegate.

Moved by Lisa, seconded by John Black, carried.

Motion: that the Alliance welcome Law Students Against the Budget as members, and Julie Balfour as delegate.

Moved by John Black, seconded by Fairleigh, carried.

Report from Lisa on the intentions of BCGEU (selective picketing in first week of strike) and DESC (recommendations to keep services open to students) - see attached. Request from AMS that certain services to students be kept open throughout any strike - again see attached. Much discussion of these requests, proposals for alternatives to picketing the university (occupation etc.) - no clear consensus emerged.

Motion: that the Alliance strike a committee to bring some order to the multitude of concerns here expressed, and to report to the next Alliance meeting with suggestions for a general strategy, and for specific tactics, bearing in mind the particular concerns about food in residences, residences, the legal clinic and student aid.

Moved by George, seconded by Mike Howlett, carried.

It was agreed that Ted Byrne would bring these concerns to the Steering Committee of the Lower Mainland Solidarity Coalition, and ascertain their reaction. Lisa and George will form the committee.

3) Pedersen: report by George and Andre on meeting with Pedersen - he said to talk with Robert Smith (Academic V.P.), which they will do.

4) Leaflet: leaflet prepared by subcommittee presented - suggestions that it include ideas for actions by its readers adopted.

5) Next Meeting: Tuesday, 1st, November, 10a.m. Lutheran Campus Centre.