

# association of university and college employees

## Executive Meeting

## Agenda

May 10, 1983

Union Office

12:30-2:30 p.m.

- 1. Adoption of the agenda
- 2. Adoption of the minutes -- not available
- 3. Business arising from the minutes
- 4. Secretary-Treasurer's report
- 5. Union Co-Ordinator's report
- 6. Union Organizer's report
- 7. Health & Safety Representative's report
- 8. Executive report
- 9. Grievance Committee
- 10. Contract Committee report
- ll. Provincial report
- 12. Next Executive meeting
- 13. Next Membership meeting
- 14. Other business

Dr. Jefferies will be attending the meeting and we will suspend the agenda for him to speak.

# EXECUTIVE MEETING May 10, 1983

#### **MINUTES**

PRESENT: Fairleigh Wettig, Suzan Zagar, Emerald Murphy, Wendy Osborne,

Patricia House, Kitti Cheema, Shirley Irvine, Karen Shaw

Chair: Kitti Cheema Secretary: Patricia House

1. Dr. Jefferies attended to tell the Executive about his proposed study of the effect of VDTs and to request the Union's endorsement. His intent is to use AUCE members in the study....the effect of VDTs on them.

+a feasibility proposal has gone to B.C. Lotteries and would include

using a grad student for six months.

+proper study should be done to ascertain if there is a hazard +further discussed his plan...he will need medical information on the people involved, he intends to have the results open and have union reps. involved

+he is willing to provide us with methodology, terms of reference, etc.

+he expects it to be a 3-4 year study

+he had not given any thought to such questions as legal liability

1a. Adoption of the agenda
Moved by Karen Shaw
Seconded by Fairleigh Wettig
THAT THE AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

It was decided to table items 2 & 3; Move item 8 to precede item 4; To table items 7, 9-11, 14, and to discuss Dr. Jefferies presentation The motion was CARRIED.

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1b. Discussion of Dr. Jefferies request for endorsement
There was concern expressed that Dr. Jefferies has made his biases
widely known and would his study really be impartial or would it be
designed to sustain his opinion.

The largest worry is the medical information he would be asking our members for. How would it be used? Who might have access to it? Also the legal implications of the Union getting involved, what steps had been taken to protect against any legal liability? Dr. Jefferies seems not to have considered any of these problems.

How would our endorsement affect the Executive's credibility with the

membership?

It was decided the Executive would like AUCE to have some input into the study but that we weren't comfortable with endorsing it as it could be misinterpreted by our members &/or cause the Union some legal difficulty. We will report our meeting with Dr. Jefferies to the next membership meeting and table our decision until we see if Dr. Jefferies addresses our concerns.

2. Executive report

The Union office staff were asked why they applied for certification with the LRB.

They referred the Executive to their report in the newsletter.

There was a heated and lengthy discussion.

Fairleigh suggested that a special membership meeting be held to discuss the matter.

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- 3. Secretary-Treasurer's report
  Patricia reported that during the two weeks that Kitti Cheema was on leave to fill in in the Union office until the new Union Organizer started, that she called in sick one day. Patricia asked for some direction from the Executive as to whether the Union would pay her and at what rate of pay?

  Moved by Fairleigh Wettig Seconded by Suzan Zagar THAT AUCE LOCAL ONE PAY KITTI CHEEMA FOR THE SICK DAY TAKEN WHILE SHE WAS ON LEAVE TO WORK IN THE UNION OFFICE AND THAT SHE BE PAID AT THE RATE FOR UNION ORGANIZER.

  The motion was CARRIED.
- 4. Next Executive meeting.....June 2, 1983....12:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.