

ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY & COLLEGE EMPLOYEES

INFORMATION BULLETIN

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The Contract Committee

On Friday, May 23, the Contract Committee met with the University to resume bargaining. Any results of these negotiations will be brought back to you at a special two-hour membership meeting:

SPECIAL TWO-HOUR LUNCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Thursday, May 29th, 12:30-2:30 pm
IRC 2

All AUCE members are urged to attend this important meeting.

If, at this meeting, we should vote to reject the University's latest offer and decide to continue strike action, the referendum poll to authorize further assessments will immediately commence at that meeting and shall continue until Friday at 4 pm in the Union Office. This referendum results from the motion passed at the May 21 meeting -- that we hold a referendum ballot for continuing assessments to finance our selective strike strategy from June 2, 1980 on. The ballot will read as follows:

Do you favour a continuing assessment of approximately \$40 a week to finance our strike strategy past May 31, 1980?

(Any assessment shall be pro-rated for part-time people) Yes No

Apparently, some confusion exists as to whether or not we voted at the May 21 meeting to move to an immediate \$40-\$50 assessment. We did not. What we did do was to report that the referendum poll, one-time assessment ballot held in the Union Office on May 20 and 21 was passed by 328 YES votes to 120 NO votes.

This first ballot meant that as of May 31, 1980 each member and non-member in the bargaining unit, on a pro-rata basis for part-time people, would have either \$50, \$25, or \$12.50 deducted from her/his paycheque. The motion to hold a further referendum poll assessment to finance the strike beyond May 31 was then passed -- such a referendum ballot would begin at the end of Thursday's meeting. If you vote to accept any of the options for settlement that may be presented at Thursday's meeting, there will be no need for such an assessment to finance our strike past May 31. We would return to work and proceed to take a ratification vote on the proposed terms of settlement.

Although the University is unable to deduct the previously ratified one-time assessment from our May 31 paycheques, picketers will be paid as planned this Friday, May 30. The assessment will be deducted from our June 30 paycheques and will be used to repay any interim loans we may need to arrange.

Should you decide at the Special Membership Meeting on May 29 that there is in fact no basis for a collective agreement, then we MUST PASS THE REFERENDUM FOR CONTINUING ASSESSMENTS. One cannot vote to continue a strike and then refuse to finance it. For our members at VHG and other off-campus locations, special arrangements are being made -- bulletins are being hand delivered and transportation is being arranged for Thursday's meeting. A bus will leave VGH at 12:10 from the loading zone, 10th and Willow, and voting for these employees will be by mail ballot.

BE SURE TO COME TO THE MEETING AND EXPRESS YOUR VIEWS. REMEMBER, IF YOU DO NOT ATTEND, YOU AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE DECISION OF THE MAJORITY OF THOSE WHO DO ATTEND.