

T.A. & SESSIONAL LECTURERS POSITION PAPER

- to be ratified Tuesday 14th September A03159 12:30

In response to the Jewett Strike Policy memo of August the 6th, and notice of strike given to the Administration of SFU by the Poly Party Unions, a meeting of TA's and Sessional Lecturers was organized. The meeting held at 10:30 on the 7th of September though hastily organized had representatives from eleven departments and more than 60 TA's in attendance. After considerable discussion of the issues a committee was formed and instructed to draft a position paper to present to a meeting of all TA's to be held as soon as practical.

The committee has drawn up the following outline of our position for the consideration of this meeting.

- 1) We ~~condemn~~ ^{deplore} the Jewett Strike Policy statement of the 6th of August for its implicit threats of disciplinary action to be taken against instructional personal if they do not cross the picket line. We are critical of the lack of consultation with those people who stood to lose the most in the formulation of the Administration's Strike policy.
- 2) We ~~refuse to~~ ^{will not} perform any of the tasks of striking employees or employees respecting picket lines. (for instance we will not engage in any activities normally assumed by ~~secretarial staff such as answering phones, typing, receiving student inquiries, etc.~~ ^{striking employees or employees respecting the picket lines.})
- 3) As TA's and Sessional Lecturers we are in general agreement with the demands of the Poly Party Unions in their negotiations with the university. Further we encourage all TA's to engage in the following strike support activities:
 - a) encourage students to make maximum demands on the university for services ^{make available}
 - b) ~~distribute~~ to students the information leaflet of the PP and P strike support committee
 - c) identify ourselves and the nature of our business whenever we cross the picket line
 - d) participate in other strike support activities organized by the PP and P strike support committee
- 4) As the Jewett memo clearly indicates, TA's at present have no protection or job security when deciding to honor a union's picket line. We resolve not to find ourselves in a similar unprotected position with respect to any future labour disputes with this university.

Adopted

ALL TA'S - meet at 12:30, Tuesday 14th September in Room 3159 A0
- to discuss and ratify this statement