



association of university and college employees

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Art Kube  
Chairman  
Operation Solidarity  
c/o BC Federation of Labour  
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Dear Brother Kube,

We wish to register our displeasure at the amount of per capita required from the non-affiliate unions. We recognize that our per capita payments have allowed us some of the benefits of membership in the BC Fed, and we appreciate this. But given the fact that the budget for Operation Solidarity has been cut in half — something else we don't understand — we can't see why the non-affiliate fees should be maintained at almost the same rate as last year. The budget that was presented at the Operation Solidarity General Meeting showed no break-down of what amount of the \$800,000 total budget comes from non-affiliate fees. We would also like to know how the \$5.00 per capita amount was arrived at. When questioned on this point by David Cadmon at the GM, you stated that it was decided on in consultation with non-affiliate unions. Well, certainly neither AUCE or VMREU were consulted. Could you tell us with whom these consultations were held, and what exactly the reasoning was. We would like to have this information in order to present it to our membership in arguing the absolute necessity of our continuing membership in Operation Solidarity.

Yours in solidarity,

Ted Byrne  
Union Coordinator

cc VMREU