



**association of university and college employees**

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TO: All AUCE Shop Stewards  
FROM: Kitti Cheema  
Vice-President

Fairleigh Wettig, our newly elected Union Organiser, will not be able to begin work in the Union Office until May 16, 1983. This is due to Article 7.02 of the Collective Agreement which requires one month notice to the University for leaves of absence for Union Office staff.

In the meantime, I will be working in the Union Office on an emergency basis.

The Union is facing a very difficult situation at this time. For the next few months we are not only asking for your patience but your support and assistance. We are going to have to rely more heavily on our stewards than we have in the past for the following reasons:

1. to give Fairleigh a chance to get settled in her new position.
2. we are presently being swamped with grievances and potential grievances.
3. our Grievance Committee now consists of only one person plus the Union Office staff due to the resignations of two members.

We will need to count on all of you in order to ensure our membership is adequately protected during this difficult time.

Please post this memo so that our membership may be aware of the situation.

We are encouraging anyone who wishes to be an active shop steward to give their name to the Union Office.

Thank you,