

AUCE Local #2  
Strike Strategy Committee Report

January 12, 1977

The Strike Strategy Committee has two recommendations which it wishes the executive discuss and, if possible, make a formal motion and vote on. They are as follows:

1. That the Contract Committee work with the Communications Committee to prepare a report on negotiations: progress, items signed, how they feel about it, etc., which will be distributed as soon as possible to the whole university community (faculty, students, other unions as well as the membership).
2. (Our terms of reference include "other tasks to be decided upon by the committee.") The Committee wishes to take on the responsibility of being a strike education committee. This will mean the publication of information on union history, our history, strike history, other unions' job actions, etc.

The Committee has reached consensus on the following issues:

1. We would like an eventual meeting with the Contract Committee to discuss possible strategy outside of formal negotiations.
2. After examining our questionnaire we want to consider strategies and job actions which are alternate to an open ended strike.
3. Some possible alternate actions which could put psychological pressure on the university are:
  - conducting a strike vote;
  - study sessions;
  - shop walkouts.
4. Good publicity is essential to any kind of action. This means considerable communication with the Contract Committee. Now that the new semester has started, it is an ideal time to point out that the administration could cause another strike.

Our questionnaire is almost ready to be distributed. We will be better able to look at strategy after we study the results of our questionnaire. From the questionnaire we hope to get a calendar of best times for job action.

The Poly-Party is ordering a permanent supply of waterproof picket signs. We should consider going in on their order and thus saving some money.

Discussed and approved in principle  
by the Strike Strategy Committee  
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