

approved by Exec. meeting  
May 17 '77

Special Executive Meeting Called in response to a Steelworkers  
picket line.  
NOON, Conference Room  
Main Library,  
Wednesday, May 4, 1977.

Pat Gibson Chaired.

He asked Fairleigh to report on the picket line. Six workers from Steelworkers local 2655 picket the main gates by the new Administration building today. Apparently 30 locals of Steelworkers have been on strike since March 31. A truck from BC Research crossed one of their striking lines, some of the ~~str~~ workers realizing the truck belonged to UBC, decided to picket the campus. They arrived around 8:00 AM at one gate only. Apparently, a promise not to cross any more steelworker picket lines, is required before these workers will stop picketing UBC. A letter was sent to the picketers from BC Research promising not to cross any lines with their trucks. Consequently, the pickets left by 12 noon armed with this letter. But it was felt that any other UBC department may send out trucks to pick up material, and if they do the pickets will reappear on campus. Actually, what is needed is a letter from UBC Personnel taking responsibility for all campus departments, that no one from UBC will cross Steelworkers' lines. This is yet to happen, but Fairleigh already phoned Personnel and asked that this be done.

Members then questioned the best method to honour other peoples picket lines. Pat felt that the picketers should be questioned to see if it is a legal line or an informational line. If, the line is legal, the next thing to do is to declare the line bone fide in order to protect our own members who refuse to cross picket lines. Then a membership meeting should be called in order to decide Union policy, that is will the whole Union honour the picket line or do we leave it up to the individual.

Lissett felt that ~~the Executive~~ an emergency membership meeting should be called right away and that Auce write a letter to the administration asking them not to do business with struck plants.

Ian felt that the Exec. can name a picket line bone fide, but only the membership can vote on a policy of support for another strike. There the ensued lots of debate whether in fact the Exec. could take it upon itself to even bone fide a line, a lot of people felt that only the membership could do so.

Fairleigh said AUCE people were confused when the line was put up and many of them walked over to the Union office. In the future she would like other unions to give at least three hours notice of intent to picket, and then AUCE would get its own volunteers to walk the line informing AUCE people of the nature of the line.

MOTION: That the Executive declare this line bone fide and that we send a letter to that effect to the Administration and that Fairleigh write it.

Moved: Jean      2nd: Lissett      CARRIED

MOTION: that this meeting be considered an ALL Committees Meeting.

Moved: Neil      2nd: Lissett      CARRIED

Before the bone fide motion was passed, Adrien wanted to know if the Exec. was not going contrary to the Contract by ~~bone-fide~~ declaring a line bone fide. The chaired ruled no. This ruling was then challenged on grounds that the Contract stipulated that the membership must direct the Executive in such matters. Pat, sitting in the chair, felt that the University could not dictate internal Union workings through the contract.

Chair was upheld.

MOTION: that we call a membership meeting as soon as possible to discuss our union's support to the Steelworkers in case their lines should reappear



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again on campus.

Moved: Lissett 2nd:Joan Cosar.

CARRIED

Since the membership needs at least three days notice before an emergency membership meeting can be called, Monday May 9 at 5:00PM was suggested as the best time as it was felt that we shouldn't wait until the Membership meeting of May 12 as time was of the essence. Fairleigh would book a room and notify Doreen Nicholson who would run off notices on the Housing gestetner.

meeting adjourned 12:55.

Minutes Richard Melanson



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Main Lib. Conf. Rm.  
12.00-1pm

# Emergency Executive Meeting May 4<sup>th</sup> /77 Association of University and College Employees

LOCAL No. 1 (U.B.C.)

Name	Position
Pat Gibson	President
Jean Lawrence	Contract etc
Margie Dally	"
Joan Cosar	Strike "
Ann Hutchison	absent
Richard Melanson	Div. H
Ray Gorbath	Div. H - Communications
G. Mitchell	Div. B. Exec. Rep.
F. Furston	Old Organizer
Jean Peters	Prov. Rep.
D. Nicholson	Strike.
Phil Bouch	V.P.
Jerry Andersen	Treasurer
Pat Kinnaird	Division B observer.
Vicki McNeill	Reading Rooms - Strike
Jay Hinabuchi	New Organizer
Lissett Nelson	Strike Committee.
Belle Cameron	Membership Secty
Margot Schenk	Observer
Ian Mackenzie	Observer
Margaret Nicholson	Division G. Exec.
Adrien B. Keenan	Division A Exec. Rep.
Sharon Dyke	Strike Committee
Rosalind Durnin	
Jay Korman	Div. B - Observer