

UBC CAMPUS COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

Meeting of September 21, 1983

Tentative Agenda

- 1) Adoption of agenda
- 2) adoptions of minutes of September 14, 1983
- 3) Membership reports
- 4) Liaison Group Reports
- 5) Rally Steering Committee reports
  - a) Agenda-Speakers
  - b) Security-equipment
  - c) Publicity
  - d) Administration
- 6) New Business
- 7) Next meeting Date

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Minutes of Meeting  
September 14, 1983  
12:30 pm

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In attendance:

Mike Howlett-GSS  
Ted Byrne- AUCE  
Fairleigh Wettig- AUCE  
John Black- TA Union  
Mike Burke- TA Union  
Andre Sobolewski (Chairperson)  
Lisa Hebert- AMS  
M. Ramesh- GSS  
Bert Mitchell- OTEU

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- 1) Moved by Lisa Hebert and seconded by Ted Byrne that the minutes of the meeting of September 2 be approved.

CARRIED

2) Local Reports

- a) AMS- Approved the Solidarity Coalition and joined the Alliance at their last meeting. Have a student staff member now working on publicity and will be holding a student organization meeting. Have been informed an alliance of students and staff has now been formed at UVIC.
- b) GSS- Has donated \$100 in photocopying and materials to the Alliance and \$50 to the rally.
- c) AUCE- Meeting Thursday to endorse the Alliance. Executive will also be meeting to consider funding.
- d) OTEU- Has provided \$100 towards the rally. Will be meeting with UBC locals re volunteers etc.
- e) TAU- Has endorsed the Alliance. Will be asking September meeting for volunteers to be marshalls etc and for \$100 towards rally expenses.

3) Reports and Recommendations

- a) Pederson Meeting- Fairleigh Vettig and Andre Sobolewski attended Pederson Exchange. Found Pederson to be very receptive to the idea of an outdoor rally. Discussed SFU presidents action in sending letter of support to departments and staff endorsing the rally. Will consider doing the same at UBC. Will report back next week.
- b) SFU Joint Meeting- UBC Alliance and SFU budget Coalition members met last week at SFU. Ted Byrne of UBC elected to represent universities on the Lower Mainland Solidarity Coalition with John Shayler of SFU as alternate. Barry Morrison ratified as university rep on provincial committee with Shayler as alternate.

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- c) SFU rally of September 22 discussed. Proposed agenda includes a speakers list of students, BCOFR, Womens Groups, AUCE, CUPE, and motions from the groups to the students re further action and solidarity.. Also discussed sharing materials and co-ordinating actions with Operations Solidarity's 7 week publicity campaign, BCTF and University week. Letters of support sent to Kwantlen College staff and faculty re joint support. Next meeting set for Oct 21 at UBC.
  - c) Solidarity Steering Committee meeting- (see attached)
- 4) Rally Steering Committee report
- a) Agenda/Speakers- proposals circulated. Discussion of proposal to tighten up agenda with highlight on keynote speaker. Some discussion of possible keynote and other speakers. Hanna Jensen declined, Art Kube to respond next week. Also entertainment and theater groups discussed. Hope to have agenda finalized by next meeting.
  - b) Publicity- Minutes circulated. Media spokespersons endorsed as Lisa Hebert and Andre Sobolewski for both on and off campus media. Endorsed principle of using alliance members to distribute Alliance information as they see fit. Endorsed proposal to merge Rally publicity group with AMS efforts. Endorsed notion of press conferences with SFU rally and here week of UBC rally, discussed proposal for Vancouver Show appearance. Publicity Committee to contact operation solidarity re information, Administration re budgets, and Alliance members re affects of budget and legislation package and information needs.
  - c) Marshalls and Equipment- endorsed proposal to split marshalls into two groups to handle security and information distribution. Andre will look into a tent for Sedgewick roof. PA equipment likely to cost \$300. Volunteers needed for security, information, and stage, tent and PA system. Workshop will be held for marshalls before rally.
  - d) Administration- Fairleigh will establish bank account at Bank of Montreal campus branch in Alliance name. Donations from groups should be made by cheque and made out to the UBC Campus Community Alliance.
- 5) Correspondance
- a) letter from Pat McGeer responding to Alliance letter of August 17 read out.
  - b) letter from Law Students Association supporting Alliance read out.
- 6) Other Business
- a) Venue for rally determined to be Sedgewick roof rain or shine as War Memorial Gym previously booked and no other suitable room available.
  - b) Moved by John Black and seconded by M Ramesh that a letter of support be sent to SFU endorsing their Rally.

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- c) Moved by John Black and Seconded by Andre Sobolewski that a covering letter be sent with a copy of this meetings minutes to any concerned groups on campus asking for donations, volunteers, a representative on the Alliance, and the opportunity for the Alliance to speak at their next meeting.

CARRIED

7) Next Meeting date

a) Wednesday September 21 11:30 SUB 224

8) Meeting adjourned 2:45 pm

## OPERATION SOLIDARITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sat. Sept. 17, noon, Rally organized by Unemployed Action Committee, Emergency Services, Drake and Seymour. This will be focal point of the week devoted to workers in the current Solidarity Coalition publicity campaign. Speakers will be Jack Gerow, Kim Sander. 107 workers have been fired from the Human Resources work-site.

Thurs., Sept. 15, 7:30, John Oliver High School, 41st & Fraser, People's Law School, forum on the budget.

Tues., Sept. 20, 1:00 pm., Solidarity Forum, Capilano College, open meeting.

Tues. Sept. 20, 7:30 pm., Mount Pleasant Elementary School, meeting concerning effect of budget on schools.

Tues. Sept. 20th, 7:30 pm., Solidarity Information Meeting, Newton Community Centre, Surrey.

Thurs. Sept. 22, 12:30 pm., special cross-campus general meeting, SFU.

Thurs. Sept. 27, BCGEU Dinner Dance and Casino Night, tickets \$15 with proceeds going to Unemployed Food Bank, St. Francis de Sales Church, 6656 Balmoral, tickets available from Area Office of BCGEU, 291-1241.

Sat. Oct. 1, 1:00 pm., Tenants Tent-In, tent city to publicize tenant's week, Vanier Park.

Sat. Oct. 1, 1:00 pm., pro-choice rally being planned.

Thurs., Oct. 6, 12:30 pm., rally being planned for UBC, students, unions, faculty, etc. Entertainment, speakers.

Oct. 14 or 15, mass rally being planned to coincide with the Sacred Convention. This will be a high point of the campaign.

Sat. Oct. 15, opening of new Vancouver Art Gallery (old Court House), Cultural Committee planning action to educate dignitaries (Trudeau, Shreyer, Bennett).

Brief report on Steering Committee and full meeting of Solidarity Coalition.

Steering Committee. Signing officers for coalition = Treas. (Rosheen) Recording Secty. (John Bartlett), Corresp. Secty. (Ed Lavallo), and Chairperson of Action Committees (Randy McLeod). Interim Spokespersons (until Sept. 19 mtg.) = Al Blakey, Raj Shouhan.

Importance of promoting Sept. 17 rally (Drake and Seymour, noon as major event of this week (Worker's Week).

VMREU Solidarity Times will be used as bulletin of Solidarity Coalition.

Next meeting of full coalition Sept. 26, BCGEU Hall, 7:30 pm.

Next Steering Comm. mtg. Sept. 19, 686 W. Bdwy., 6th fl., 7:30 pm. Motion (MSC): Alternates allowed to attend steering comm. mtgs. without vote.

Contact, Cultural Group (for bands, theatre, etc.), John Bartlett, [REDACTED]

Full Meeting

Steering Committee report. Motion on voting structure (see attached).

Workshop report. Motions (see attached). Notes:

Sat. rally at Emergency Services (Drake and Seymour), 107 people fired from this Human Resources site involved in community work.

Friday, picketing of UIC offices (volunteers, contact Unemployed Action Centre).

Motion, MSC, radio spots to publicize Sat. rally (this is major action of Worker's week).

Oct. 14 or 15 mass rally planned to coincide with Sacred Convention, Hotel Vancouver. March to the hotel planned (Jean Swanson spoke against as being too provocative, but most other speakers in favour).

Motion, MSC, that LMSC approach Prov. Solidarity for desk, hot-line in their office. Also, MSC, full-time staff person to be requested.

Petition report. Sept. 24, Hall rented for all day to dist. petition, petition blitz, door to door.

Provincial report, Swanson: most regional coalitions in place.

q. relations between regional and provincial Solidarity groups.  
a. someone from each regional steering committee on steering committee of provincial steering committee.

Monthly newspaper in works. Detailed proposal from Persky for weekly paper, MSC.

Motion that Solidarity endorse Oct. 1st pro-choice rally, and arrange that Tent-City not interfere with this rally. Chairman asked that motion not be put, too divisive, outside terms of reference of coalition. All speakers but one spoke in favour of motion. Loud speakers list MSC

Minutes of STEERING COMMITTEE,  
LOWER MAINLAND SOLIDARITY COALITION

Meeting: Wed, Sept. 7/83

Present: Al Blakey, Jon Bartlett, Marion Pollack, Lorri Rudland,  
Jean Swanson, Patti Lane.

1. A tentative agenda for Saturday's Action Planning Workshop (Sept. 10th at 1st United Church) was prepared by Jean Swanson, Patti Lane, and David Cadman, and presented to the Steering Committee for discussion. Some alterations made and workshop facilitators were chosen.

2. Steering Committee discussed a delegate voting structure for future LMSC meetings. The proposed structure is:

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- each group has only one voting delegate (an alternate)
- only delegates can move motions (it was felt that if a motion had sufficient merit to reach the floor, then a delegate could be found from some member group to motivate it)
- all present at the meeting have voice, but only delegates vote
- voting cards will be issued to the registered delegate (or alternate) for each meeting by the Steering Committee

3. The next meeting of the Steering Committee was set for 6:00 P.M. immediately preceding the Tuesday, Sept. 13th meeting of the LMSC at the CCU Hall, New West. Chairperson for the LMSC meeting will be Al Blaikie, and Secretary will be Jon Bartlett.

MSC  
Sept. 13,  
full  
meeting

## ACTION WORKSHOP RECOMMENDATIONS

- MSC 1) Co-ordinating committees should be established for each of the action weeks and a steering committee liason person designated.
- MSC 2) The Lower Mainland ~~Budget~~ <sup>Solidarity</sup> Coalition should install its own phone in the Solidarity Coalition offices and arrange for another line to be used as an information hotline.
- MSC 3) The IMSC should ask the Provincial Operation Solidarity Coalition to supply a staff person to facilitate the work of the steering committee.
- MSC 4) The IMSC should establish on going working committees with steering committee liason to include: Education ( weekly bulletins), Cultural ( to initiate street music and theatre, poster excercises etc), Finance ( to co-ordinate fund raising, blank check distribution at all major events, collections etc.), On Going Actions ( leafletting at UIC centres etc.), Petition Committee ( to co-ordinate the petition drive in the lower mainland), Picketting ( to organize flying squads for special events), Weekly Action Committees, and other committees as required. These should be committees of the steering committee and should report to the steering committee who will recommend to the membership of the Lower Mainland Solidarity Coalition.
- MSC 5) The IMSC should establish a co-ordinating committee to initiate a major lower mainlan action on either Oct 14 or 15.
- 7 6) The IMSC should establish a drafting committee to draft a People's Charter of Rights



UBC CAMPUS COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

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September 15, 1983

Dear Campus Group,

The UBC Campus Community Alliance is a broad-based coalition of unions, associations, students and individuals located on the UBC campus and concerned with the effects of the July 7 provincial government budget and proposed legislation. The aim of the Alliance is to contribute to the withdrawal of the budget and legislation package through the united action of organizations representing over 30,000 people working and studying at UBC.

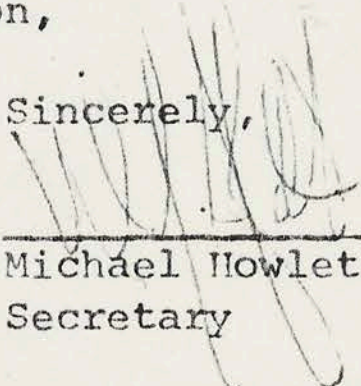
The first major action planned by the Alliance is for a large rally of all campus groups at Sedgwick Library Thursday October 6, at 12:30 pm. Speakers for the event will come from student organizations, campus unions and Operation Solidarity.

The participation of your organization in this rally and in the Alliance is essential for its success. Any donations or volunteers you might be able to provide would be greatly appreciated.

In order to provide you with more information on the activities of the Alliance and the Rally itself, We would ask that a representative of the Alliance be invited to your next executive or membership meeting to speak for a few minutes on these issues.

The entire university community has been affected by the budget and proposed legislation. If changes are to be made action must be taken now. Your group can make a valuable contribution to acheiving this end. We hope to hear from you soon,

Sincerely,

  
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Michael Howlett  
Secretary

September 15, 1983

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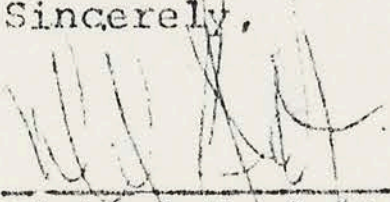
Sir:

The UBC Campus Community Alliance, representing unions, associations, students, and concerned individuals at the University of British Columbia, urges you to reconsider the proposed restraint measures aimed at public sector workers and proposed changes to the Employment Standards Act.

The proposed changes affecting public sector workers are an attack on the collective bargaining rights of workers at the University and act to upset the climate of labour relations at UBC, potentially affecting students who will be caught up in any labour-management disputes caused by this legislation. The relevant acts must be withdrawn.

The proposed changes to the Employment Standards Act affect all workers in the province and especially students who perform many part-time and summer jobs which fall under the act. Rather than be weakened, the act should be strengthened to ensure adequate minimum working conditions for all citizens of British Columbia.

Sincerely,

  
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Michael Howlett  
Secretary