

Association of University and College Employees

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Campus Mail

Dear Jane:

Further to your letter of July 24 inviting Local One's negotiating committee to participate in a two day seminar for training P&S personnel, I must report that I have consulted the Contract Committee and they have asked me to pass along to you their regrets.

The Contract Committee felt that your invitation would be more appropriately addressed to the Grievance Committee. Interpretation and application of the Articles of the Collective Agreement are the direct and daily concerns of the Grievance Committee, and the Contract Committee were reluctant to lend themselves to any apparent circumvention of the Grievance Committee's authority and role.

As well, the Committee were uneasy about participating in the sort of informal meeting you propose, specifically were worried that their comments in the seminar could somehow be misconstrued as representing positions AUCE will be carrying forward into negotiations for the 1980 contract.

Anticipating that you may extend your invitation to include the Grievance Committee, I should advise you that several of its members are currently away on vacation and I cannot assure you that there would be time for me to consult with them before the dates scheduled for the seminar.

Yours truly,

Marcel Dionne
President
AUCE Local 1