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ATTENTION: Barbara Finlay

Dear Barbara:

We have finally obtained written confirmation of the on-going management of David Thompson University Centre by Selkirk College (see enclosed copies of correspondence between R.H. Buckley and Patrick L. McGeer). As you can see from the letters, the position is still one of "management", D.T.U.C. is still a separate entity, and one could argue that in fact the interim nature of the arrangements still applies, especially relating to the implementation of the Colleges Act, the possibilities for degree granting programs, the F.A.N.D.U. case, the possible presence of other institutions (U.B.C., Simon Fraser, University of Victoria) operating on this campus, etc.

Further on the issue of whether we are an appropriate bargaining unit, we would like the point made that A.U.C.E. is exclusively a union of university and college workers, therefore uniquely suited to represent and be responsive to the needs of such workers.

We have been advised by Mickey Kinakin, President of the C.U.P.E. Local at Selkirk College, Castlegar, B.C., that the original C.U.P.E. application for successor status will go ahead. That seems likely, although I would think they would draw up a new submission, and we have no confirmation that it has happened yet. Kinakin, (under Fred Pyke's supervision we would assume) has argued vehemently that Article 54 of the code "...rights, duties, and privileges" means "contract" and that whichever union obtains jurisdiction, all contracts remain in force. He further proposes that we should all insist on a three bargaining unit set up. C.U.P.E. operates under two separate certificates at Selkirk College, Castlegar, and D.T.U.C. would be the third unit, what about all that?

We are enclosing the original of our petition to the Labour Relations Board and are contemplating having the pro-A.U.C.E. people at Selkirk circulate one of their own requesting a vote. (This is a slightly milder form of signing A.U.C.E. cards, and one which our membership feels would meet with some good response at Castlegar. It need not exclude a card signing expedition).

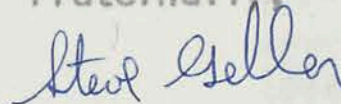
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Apparently there is no such thing as a C.U.P.E. contract available at Selkirk's Castlegar or Nelson campus. Can you get us one from the Labour Relations Board? Soon!

To sum up this rather rambling letter:

At this time A.U.C.E. Local #3 requests that you prepare a submission to the Labour Relations Board on our behalf to counter C.U.P.E.'s application for successor status. The timing of the presentation is at your discretion (but not too late). The use of our enclosed petition is also at your discretion, we have not sent it to the Labour Relations Board. We would like to see the submission argue for our appropriateness as a bargaining unit first, and for a free vote second, if possible. If you feel the second argument requires the support of either a C.U.P.E. members' petition, or signed A.U.C.E. cards, please advise. None of the foregoing is intended to limit your argumentation to the Labour Relations Board. We do require a look at your presentation before submission to the Board. Please advise us if this is all agreeable to you. I have confirmed with Melody Rudd and Judy Wright the A.U.C.E. Provincial will pay your fees. Thank God!

Faternally,



Steve Geller
President

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