
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

Capilano College

April 7 & 8, 1984.

Present: Executive Members

Robena Maclaren, Kelowna Campus Student Society
Frank Frigon, UBC Graduate Students Society
John Doré, Kwantlen College Student Association
Vaughan Collar, Northwest College Student Association
Katrina Whittaker, Capilano College Student Union
Shiela Munroe, Simon Fraser Student Society
Debbie Latimer, Langara Student Society (10:25 a.m.)
Gordon Bryan, Douglas College Student Society (10:25 a.m.)
Terry Hunt, Cariboo College Student Society
Tami Roberts, national representative
Valerie Whiffen, financial co-ordinator
Stephen Learey, chairperson

Staff

Mike McNeil, organizer
Donna Morgan, executive officer

Members

Heather Gropp, Kelowna Campus Student Society
Philip Link, Kelowna Campus Student Society
Cathy Jennings, Capilano College Student Union
Barry Gibson, Cariboo College Student Society
Grace Johnson, Capilano College Student Union
Marc Rovner, Capilano College Student Union

Absent: Executive Members

Mark Varley, UBC Alma Mater Society (work commitments)

The meeting was called to order at 10:17 a.m. Stephen Learey was in the chair.

Agenda

MOTION: Maclaren/Frigon

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Minutes

MOTION: Doré/Maclaren

Be it resolved that the minutes of the March 3rd and 4th meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

McNeil noted that he had not been late for the meeting. Instead, he had gone to get coffee upon discovering that he was the first person to arrive.

Orientation

Morgan reminded the executive committee members that Maclaren was the deputy chair and that Whiffen was the staff relations officer. She also reminded executive members that the information given to them was not their private possession, and should be circulated to other members of their local association executives and posted or filed in their association offices. She mentioned how she had already received complaints from people at two locals that their representatives were not passing on information. She hoped the executive members would keep this in mind.

Reports

Morgan's report was circulated.

McNeil gave an oral report. He is resigning as of May 31st. He reported that he had worked on the campaign, helped organize the community information days held by the University of Victoria students, and he also got sick. He is currently working on organizing for the referendum at Capilano.

Whiffen circulated a written financial report. She explained the addition of the Casual Labour line item, to be used for B.C. Student editors, etc. She said that because of the reorganization of the line items, it is necessary to add \$600 to that item.

MOTION: Whiffen/Maclaren

Be it resolved that \$600 be added to the Casual Labour line item to pay Marianne Van Loon for editing the B.C. Student.

CARRIED

Morgan explained that she had been informed by Canada Employment and Immigration that the Federation's application for summer employees would have a better chance of being approved if some funds were put towards the hiring.

MOTION: Whiffen/Maclaren

Be it resolved that \$1000 be set aside for Summer Canada Works

employees.

CARRIED

Whiffen asked if local representatives could ensure that a breakdown of how fees were calculated for each local is forwarded to the pacific region office.

Marc Rovner asked if there was a billing system in place, as Capilano College Student Union was unsure of the amount of fees owing. Roberts said there is a system in most of the country for the national and services fees, but that the Ontario and Pacific regions were not a part of it currently. Roberts added that it should be a priority to get fees agreements with locals so that billing problems did not occur. She said that she would work with Whiffen to get this together.

Rovner asked what happened to the fees agreement that had been approved by the national plenary some time ago. Roberts answered that the Federation's legal counsel had determined that it was an improper agreement.

Whiffen gave a gentle reminder to those representatives whose local's fees were outstanding.

Rovner asked what the accounts payable were. Whiffen answered that it was less than \$3000.

Roberts said that she didn't have a written report as she had returned from Ottawa on the previous Thursday. She promised to mail out a report at a later date.

Learey gave an oral report. He spoke about the Solidarity Coalition and of the success of Unemployment Month (April). May is poverty month. He said that he had been writing for the Solidarity Bulletin, doing the post-secondary education coverage. He spoke of the relatively successful demonstration held on March 31st. Learey tried to convince other executive members to buy "I'm a bad B.C.er" buttons from him.

Roberts and Learey both reported of their meeting with NDP MP's. They said that the NDP was willing to raise education questions in the house of commons if information was given to them by the Federation.

Learey said that he met with Sue Bigelow, who is Pauline Jewett's assistant, while he was in Ottawa. He said that he also met with a person in the New Westminster Unemployed Action Center, which he would report on later. As well, he travelled to Kelowna and Kamloops, and met with David Parkinson, from Senator Austin's office.

Bryan reported that the education week had been relatively successful at Douglas College, with lots of classroom speaking, and a good response. He thought that people did a cool job on the graphs. He said that some of the local pubs in New Westminster had tried to get the Student Society's pubs shut down by petitioning the BCLCB. However, the Other Press petitioned the pub owners, and students at a pub night, and the pub owners backed down. He announced that the annual Douglas Booze Cruise is being held on April 20th. He also said that he will be unable to attend the national general meeting due to the fact that he is appearing in the Pirates of Penzance.

Maclaren reported that the intramurals referendum at Okanagan College-Kelowna had passed, but that the athletic fee portion had been defeated. She said that the FAST (for active students today) slate had won the student society elections, and that she was now the society's chairperson. She said that when the college budget comes down, she

fears that fees will be increased greatly and many courses will be cut.

Frigon reported on the UBC Graduate Student Society general meeting where quorum was lost before the question of full-membership in the Federation had been voted upon. He said that a relatively pro-Federation executive committee had been elected.

Munroe reported that she was the new external relations officer for the Simon Fraser Student Society. She said that she will be concentrating on getting more people involved. She reported on the society's impending legal action regarding the non-payment of B.C. Government bursaries to summer students: the society's forum had allocated \$800 for initial legal counsel, and more will be added if the lawyer thinks the case is good.

Latimer circulated a written report (see appended).

Hunt reported that the Cariboo College Student Society had recently held elections, for which the turnout was quite poor. He said the that society-funded newspaper--the Beacon--was getting a good response from both faculty and students. He said that the society was holding a speakers series involving a representative from each of the political parties. He reported that the public classroom was a success in Kamloops, with 75 people coming to listen to the 9 speakers, one of which was Art Lee, provincial Liberal leader. He said they hoped this would be the a first step in a long campaign. At Cariboo, the women's access co-ordinator and the handicapped access co-ordinator are both being cut. There is a possibility that the handicapped access co-ordinator may be brought back, since it is rumoured that an additional \$400,000 is being allocated by the provincial government for handicapped access.

McNeil reminded Hunt to make sure that the Cariboo delegates to the national general meeting bring copies of the materials distributed during the public classroom.

Morgan brought up the topic of the additional \$400,000 allocation for handicapped access. She said that is was the result of a survey done by the government to college administrations asking how much funding was needed to maintain status quo levels of handicapped access. Since VCC alone asked for \$160,000, she felt that the allocation probably falls short of status quo levels.

Collar reported that Northwest College had held an open house in late March. He said that all of Northwest's satellite campuses were being

eliminated. He added that \$ $\frac{1}{2}$ million is being cut from academic courses, and 2 instructors on leave of absence are being laid off. He also said that vocational courses are not being cut as much, due to an outcry from the city council in Terrace. A group had formed on campus --Northwest Students for Education. During the open house they gave out information to the nearly 5000 people who visited the facility. As well, they had gathered a petition from among academic students, 108 out of a possible 110 had signed. He said that the student association probably won't be functioning over the summer, as all of the executive members leave in two weeks.

Doré said that the Kwantlen College Student Association had recently held its annual general meeting. Elections are being held next week. At the AGM, constitutional amendments were made to bring in a representative structure. As well, the position of Federation representative was added to the executive. Doré said he felt more Kwantlen students than any other variety attended the Vancouver public classroom. He said that he had delivered the B.C. Student, and spoken at Capilano.

Whittaker reported that the Capilano College Student Union was holding a referendum on membership in the Federation, and that the union's annual general meeting would be held the day after. She feels that there will be a good turn-out at the meeting. She said that Capilano students had attended the public classrooms. AS well, the had DTUC theatre on campus, theatre students did guerilla theatre, had a band play, and held a forum with speakers on education cutbacks. The union is currently doing a cost-benefit analysis of pay-parking, which is something the College wants to implement. Fee increases are going on now: music students will have to pay \$500 more per year, due to personalized instruction used in their courses. The union is working with ICBC on drunk-driving. They are hoping to get a grant to do video and literature for Orientation.

There were then brief reports on locals not present.

At UBC, the most significant occurrence was the fact that the Committee of Concerned Academics were taking an active part in the faculty association, and forcing a fight against the anti-tenure provisions wanted by the administration. They passed a motion saying that any cuts in salaries must be done through closing the university for days of protest.

At DTUC, equipment and library books are being spirited away, so there have been pickets organized. Morgan brought up the fact that student society representatives in Nelson were upset that the cost of the Who's Next button had been taken out of their \$1000 allocation.

MOTION: Frigon/Whiffen

Be it resolved that the costs of the Who's Next button be taken from the campaign line item.

CARRIED

At the University of Victoria, a successful public campaign was held at the end of the month, with 6000 post-cards being signed by the public. The Graduate Students Society had organized the campaign.

At this point, Marc Rovner enquired about the minutes. He said that the time of Brenda Pickersgill's arrival on the second day of the meeting was incorrect, that she had been present at the start of the meeting. He also asked if it was customary to note the time that representatives left the meeting, as the UBC Alma Mater Society representative had left early. Morgan said she would make changes in the way the minutes were done if the executive committee so desired.

Week Of Action

There was a brain-storming session on some of the problems with the week of action:

- needed a longer time-line to get things done
- localize actions--this would help get better media
- analyze why demonstrations have lost their appeal
- media coverage was lousy
- needed some locally injected 'oomph'--a few people with enthusiasm on campus.
- leaflets--should have had a borderline
- need more planning time
- commitment needed from the general meeting on
- re-evaluate the role of the campaign committee at general meetings
- achieve short-term plans and long-term (policy/theory) plans
- long-term analysis needed, but we mustn't lose sight of flexibility
- staff/chair should be defining issues and bring to general meetings a realistic plan
- smaller towns get better media coverage (harder up for news)

Review of Meetings

The meeting with Serge Joyal was relatively successful. The Globe and Mail has reported that he is interested in setting up centres of excellence. There was a lot of talk in the meeting about DTUC. Joyal also agreed to set up a liaison with the pacific region office, in the form of Orest Kruhlak. McNeil said the meeting went well, and that the presentation looked reasonably polished. Doré added that we need to feed information to the Federal government--research on tied funding, etc. Roberts mentioned the fact that at the National General Meeting, there will probably be a debate between all three parties. Doré said that Joyal had been amused by the tennis ball with DTUC and Federation pins stuck to it that was presented during the meeting.

McNeil also mentioned that the BCIT students association had asked for a meeting with Serge Joyal, and that they were laughed at because they were not part of an organized group!

Roberts and Learey met with NDP MP's. Roberts said we should be getting organized for these kinds of meetings too. She said that we should be

developing a kit for what to do in the upcoming Federal election.

Bus Passes

Morgan described the reasons the B.C. Transit Commision had given for turning down the idea of a post-secondary student concession card: students will buy the cards anyway; students ride more than other passengers; and other major cities do not offer student rates.

Dan Cross at Capilano is organizing a boycott of bus pass sales.

Mark Rogen arrived at 2:08.

Munroe brought up the fact that the Transit Act states that people who do not have the fare can ride the bus for no charge. Whiffen brought up the idea of organizing alternate forms of transportation: hitch-hiking, car pools, etc.

It was agreed that a committee be struck to investigate: Whittaker, Bryan, Munroe, Doré, and Morgan.

ACCC

Morgan discussed the conference and the idea of an alternative to the sessions, few of which concentrate on government responsibility for maintaing the education system.

Rogen said that he had spoken to Barry Moore, of the ACCC board, about our concerns regarding the purported representation of students by ACCC. Moore said that if a letter was forwarded to him, he would bring our problems to the board's attention. Rogen said we should make an attempt to negotiate with them before we organize an alternate event. Rogen said that ACCC was in quite an important position now, as the Federal government had allocated all of the responsibility for international education administration to it. As well, he said we may have something to learn from ACCC, as they turned around a deficit.

Roberts said that the ACCC handling of its deficit was largely due to Secretary of State funding. She talked about how ACCC, through its work with the Alberta College and Technical Institute Student Executive Council (ACTISEC) had broken the Federation of Alberta Students.

Maclaren said that ACCC has no student input, and no respect for students.

McNeil said that ACCC and the provincial government had teamed up to wreck the student movement in Alberta. He noted that ACTISEC wasn't funded after the Federation of Alberta Students had dissolved. Last year, at the ACCC conference, a notice-of-motion to recognize the Federation was ruled out of order.

Link said that the ACCC does not exist to subvert the student movement, that is just a sideline. He said that the Federation should be trying to strike somekind of agreement with ACCC to recognize that students have the autonomy to organize independently, as do administrators.

Whiffen asked what the overlap between the two organizations was. It was answered that only in B.C. is there substantial overlap between the colleges that are members of ACCC and the local associations that are members of the Federation.

[Munroe left at 2:45 p.m.]

Morgan said that we have to look at the fact that our attendance or non-attendance at the ACCC conference will have little effect on its success or failure. Holding alternate sessions should be to discuss the real situation with education in B.C.

There was agreement that ACCC should be approached to discuss directions of the organization.

A round-table was done of those locals who intended to send people: the Kwantlen College Student Association is not sending any students; at VCC, students will give their names, but not attend.

Maclaren asked Rogen if there would be a VVI Student Association Representative on the provincial executive. He replied that the council was developing a new constitution, and that hopefully a representative could be found after that point.

A committee was struck to deal on ACCC alternate sessions: Latimer, Roberts, Morgan, and Maclaren.

Unemployment Action Centres

Learey gave a written report on information he gathered on Unemployment Action Centres. He said that resources for unemployment centres could be organized through local student union offices. He suggested that the following be done: that Federation staff get information on the services directory, and contacts for local food banks, Unemployment Action Centres, Rights groups, legal aid, psychiatric counselling, etc. He felt this information could be developed into a resource package to be distributed to locals.

It was agreed that local representatives would contact the Federation office in the near future and compile a list of what is needed for unemployment actions centres.

It was agreed that a basic information package would be sent to locals by May 1st. Local associations would be encouraged to do advertising and organizing beforehand.

McNeil will do a fieldtrip to the Kootenays and develop contacts there for unemployment action centres.

Lower Mainland Solidarity Coalition Representative

The student representative on the lower mainland solidarity coalition steering committee had resigned some time to ago. The person would be responsible for communicating between lower mainland locals and the steering committee. She/he would also be responsible for informing locals of coalition meetings.

MOTION: Whiffen/Whittaker

Be it resolved that John Doré be the student representative on the lower mainland solidarity coalition steering committee.

CARRIED

Internal Operations

Office and Equipment

Learey reported that all executive members voting in the Olivetti phone around had voted in favour of purchasing the word-processor. He explained that two learned opinions regarding the word-processor had been obtained, both of which said the system was the best that the Federation could get for its money. As well, Olivetti had forwarded a letter guaranteeing support for its software for two years.

MOTION: Doré/Hunt

Be it resolved that the phone vote to purchase the Olivetti word processor (at a cost of \$3400) be ratified.

CARRIED

There was a discussion of moving the office. Whiffen pointed out that despite our unbudgetted surplus, it is risky to budget for recurring expenses. She suggested that it would cost about \$3000 for moving and rent to August 31st.

Learey suggested that a committee be struck. A committee of Whiffen, Roberts and Morgan was struck which will submit a concrete report to the next executive committee meeting.

Referenda

Whittaker explained how the letter from the Federation's legal counsel is causing problems at Capilano regarding the referendum. She said that the student union's annual general meeting, to be held after the referendum, would be very important. McNeil gave a brief report about his work around the referendum. The NO committee (favouring membership in the Federation) is relying on classroom speaking, as a forum on the issue was vetoed by the YES majority on council.

Roberts said that the legal opinion was necessary, as it would not be a good precedent to set if notice provisions in the Federation's constitution were ignored.

The referendum at Selkirk looks like it has been postponed indefinitely. McNeil will be going to the Kootenays in the near future to find out more.

There was some discussion of the technical details of the Capilano referendum.

Staffing

McNeil has submitted his resignation as of May 31st., 1984.

MOTION: Doré/Frigon

Be it resolved that McNeil's end-of-contract be recognized as July 13th, and that a new fieldworker be hired as of July 3rd., 1984.

CARRIED

(note: this incurs an additional \$800 expenditure for the training period)

MOTION: Collar/Doré

Be it resolved that Roberts and Latimer be the executive committee representatives on the hiring committee for the fieldworker.

CARRIED

Roberts suggested that a list of standardized questions be compiled. Executive committee members should refer any particular questions to the hiring committee.

McNeil said he wished the position to be advertised as an organizer. Learey said he hoped the person would have a good understanding of how local associations work.

MOTION: Latimer/Whiffen

Be it resolved that Morgan have one week's vacation from April 16th to 24th.

CARRIED

Morgan explained that she would be taking more vacation later on.

There was a discussion of summer positions.

MOTION: Hunt/Collar

Be it resolved that Frigon and Learey be the executive committee representatives on the summer staff hiring committee.

CARRIED

Northwest Academy

McNeil brought up the fact that the Northwest Academy organizing school will be held in June some time. He felt that it was important that two or so people attend in order to gain necessary organizing skills.

Whiffin suggested that financial decisions be reserved until the next day so that they could be looked at together.

At this point, 4:50 p.m., the meeting adjourned for the day.

Sunday, April 8th., 1984.

Present: Executive Members

Tami Roberts, national representative
Valerie Whiffen, financial co-ordinator
Stephen Learey, chairperson (10:07)
John Doré, Kwantlen College Student Association
Robena Maclaren, Kelowna Campus Student Society
Terry Hunt, Cariboo College Student Society
Vaughan Collar, Northwest College Student Association (10:07)
Frank Frigon, UBC Graduate Students Society (10:07)
Debbie Latimer, Langara Student Society (10:12)
Gordon Bryan, Douglas College Student Society (10:13)
Katrina Whittaker, Capilano College Student Union (10:25)

Staff

Mike McNeil, organizer (10:07)
Donna Morgan, executive officer

Members

Cathy Jennings, Capilano College Student Union
Grace Johnson, Capilano College Student Union
Heather Gropp, Kelowna Campus Student Society
Barry Gibson, Cariboo College Student Society
Philip Link, Kelowna Campus Student Society
Ainsley Winter, Kelowna Campus Student Society

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 a.m. Robena Maclaren was in the chair.

Referenda

Jennings was asked if she could add some perspectives to the discussion of the Capilano College Student Union referendum. She had nothing to add.

At this point, Learey assumed the chair.

Morgan asked Roberts if any money would be available from the national fund for referendum, as the pacific region budget had absorbed all of the referendum costs in B.C. Roberts replied that she would check into it.

Whiffen suggested that plans be made for the UBC Alma Mater Society organizing drive. She felt that 2 part-time organizers needed to be hired to help organize the campaign there.

It was agreed that a meeting be set up with UBC representatives, for example with Frigon, Nancy Bradshaw, Lisa Hébert, etc. to talk about the needs of the campus. Also, it was felt that at the national general meeting, people should get together with Janet Maher, Alberta fieldworker, to go over the organization of the campaign at the University of Alberta. It was agreed that McNeil, Doré, and Learey would work on the UBC referendum.

At the next executive meeting, resources will be allocated to this referendum.

National General Meeting

Morgan went over the figures of how much the train, vans, and plane to Edmonton cost. In a straw vote, the executive committee agreed that a train excursion be organized.

MOTION: Doré/Collar

Be it resolved that we organize a train excursion to the general meeting in Edmonton.

CARRIED

MOTION: Maclaren/Roberts

Be it resolved that Morgan and Roberts develop an orientation package for the national general meeting.

CARRIED

-this package is to include Squamish plenary directives.

There was a discussion of the strategy for the general meeting as a whole. Learey gave an introduction.

Roberts said that she felt the main problem was that B.C. was well-organized in relation to other provincial associations.

McNeil said that B.C. delegates can be as alienated as they wish to be at the general meeting. He stressed that the current national executive is not the organization. We have to develop an anti-isolationist attitude for this general meeting.

Campaign

The Issue: EPF--tied funding

The Event: Federal government--elections

The Target: Political parties--all 3 (or more)

Organizational Needs: -clear direction for locals and staff
-Federation awareness
-working provincial groups

Suggestions: -candidates forums on campus sponsored by the Federation
-registration drives so many students vote

McNeil suggested that two position papers be prepared for the general meeting: one a position paper on what we want to get; the other a plan for how we intend to get it.

Whiffen asked which provinces are not heavily affected by EPF mishandling? McNeil answered that almost all are--perhaps Manitoba is the least affected.

Whiffen said that some locals in Alberta may have problems with the plan. Morgan suggested that the campaign include research into the issue to develop a mechanism for tying EPF funding.

Frigon suggested that a plan for a bursary program in the event that the EPF fight is successful. Doré said that he was concerned about splitting

our strengths if we divided over too many issues. Learey suggested approaching the Committee of Concerned Academics as they may be interested in doing research on this topic. McNeil said that the research in the national office has to be more focussed towards provincial concerns.

It was agreed that anyone interested in working on the plans for the national general meeting contact McNeil, who would be working on it.

Development

Morgan said that it was time development was approached in the context of what the organization does (e.g. campaign) and must reflect this.

At this point, Maclaren assumed the chair.

Morgan went over her notes from the restructuring meeting, and said that she was concerned about the superficial nature of discussion. She added that if amalgamation was going to be completed just for amalgamation's sake, and not so as to clear up the many problems in the organization, then it may as well not be done at all.

A brainstorm session was done, with the following results:

Action

Assigned to

position papers:

development

finances

staff

myths

amalgamation meeting

campaign

party

outreach to other delegate

orientation package

photocopier

invitation to caucus & party

notices of motion

encourage all locals to send delegates

agenda for B.C. caucus

Val, Tami, Lynda

Robena

Cariboo

Donna, Steve, Tami

Mike

Donna

all

Donna, Tami

Philip

Donna

Donna

Vaughan, Donna, Tami

Steve, Tami, Donna

There was then a discussion of who the pacific region would finance at the general meeting.

MOTION: Frigon/Collar

Be it resolved that Morgan and Learey be sent to the national general meeting out of the pacific region budget (in the event that Learey wishes to attend).

CARRIED

StudentSaver

Roberts reported that the timelines for the solicitation of discounts was considerably better this year. The materials are to be out earlier. Roberts said she would get more information, and contact locals as soon as possible.

Seminars

The following tentative schedule for seminars was agreed upon:

Pubs: Cariboo, mid-June
Orientation: Langara, early June
Handbooks: Kwantlen, July
Organizing: ?, early July
Staff Meeting: ?, early August??

A committee consisting of Collar, Hunt, Latimer, Bryan, and Morgan was set up to finalize arrangements and deal with financing.

Other Business

Learey gave background on the KJAM co-operative housing project. He said that this had first been brought up at the January general meeting, where the executive had agreed to go ahead, if the Federation's lawyer approved of the project.

Morgan asked if the procedure of seeing a lawyer and doing a phone around vote as outlined at the July meeting had been followed. Learey said not yet. She asked what Rogen was doing in relation to this? Is he attending meetings on behalf of the executive? Roberts asked what it would mean if the tentative contract was broken now. Learey said he didn't know.

Whiffen asked if this housing was for students? Learey said no. Whiffen said she felt Rogen was going outside of his boundary.

Maclaren said she thought we should try to terminate our involvement. She felt that legal advice should be sought on the subject.

MOTION: Whiffen/Doré

Whereas no official approval was given by the Federation's executive committee to proceed with KJAM management; be it resolved, that the Federation disengage from all discussion with KJAM management.

CARRIED

MOTION: Roberts/Whiffen

Be it resolved that the chairperson send a letter to Mark Rogen asking him to refrain from representing himself as a spokesperson of the Federation's pacific region executive committee;
Be it further resolved that a copy of such letter be sent to KJAM management and the CMHC.

CARRIED

Morgan brought up the NUS-UK student union officers training manual. She said she felt that this would be a good orientation material for council members, and that she would like to spend some time this summer working on one. There were no violent objections.

There was a discussion of the Northwest Academy organizing school. McNeil said it was important for the Federation to do some training of staff people.

MOTION: Collar/Whittaker

Be it resolved that the executive officer be sent to the Northwest Academy.

AMENDMENT: Learey/Latimer

To add "the chairperson" to the motion.

DEFEATED

Learey said that we need the skills of an organizer. Morgan said that as much as we need skills, she believed we should be fiscally conservative. McNeil said that we need good organizers to run campaigns. Roberts said that as much as she would like to go to the organizing school, she felt it could wait until the December session.

AMENDMENT: Whiffen/Roberts

To make the motion contingent on a healthy allocation of funds from the national budget for the UBC referendum.

DEFEATED

MAIN MOTION: CARRIED

MOTION: Roberts/Collar

Be it resolved that the next meeting take place on June 9th and 10th.

CARRIED

MOTION: Collar/Hunt

Be it resolved that the meeting now adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

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April 5, 1984

EXECUTIVE REPORT SUBMITTED BY DEBBIE LATIMER-- LANGARA'S REPRESENTATIVE

Education Awareness Week was fairly successful.. Although we did not get a tremendous turnout of students, we did reach quite a few. Ideally, I would have liked to have seen all of students out for the week's events but I know that is too much to ask. We got a number of favorable articles written about us in our paper. During this week we got approx. 800 letters signed and sent to the MLAs and MPs. I think that is fairly good. We have had responses from the NDP but so far no other party has acknowledged our concerns.

I presented our second brief this semester to our board on March 28. The board agreed to send a letter to the Ministry of Education regarding the screw-up of student aid. They also reaffirmed thier motion of Oct. 82 which states that a person's financial situation should not prevent them from attending Langara. We had about 25 students at the meeting which probably freaked the board out because they are not used to students attending.

A representative from Langara, John Cosgrove, arranged our meeting with Serge Joyal, Secretary of State. We decided that it would be best if we invited students from all of the different campuses rather than have our whole council meet with the minister. The meeting went well. Our faculty wrote us a letter of support which made the news in the Globe and Mail on Tuesday.

Recently, an athletic referendum was held at Langara. Our council voted not to take a stand on the issue. The question being asked was whether students would pay a \$1.00 per course per term fee to support athletics and intramurals. The council did decide, however, that any members that wanted to campaign for or against the referendum could do so independent of council. Being the radical that I am I and four other council members formed the concerned students coalition. You will find attached a copy of the handbill that we blitzed the college with. The referendum was defeated by only 40 votes. But we won!!!!!! Now the athletic committee is talking about implementing parking fees for the big parking lot. They are really desperate to keep the teams going but we are not going to sit back and let the administration tack on a \$20 per semester fee. We shall be hearing more about this in the very near future.

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As of yet, we have received no response from Jack Heinrich regarding our meeting in early March. We sent him the minutes a month ago and we can only assume that what we we said happened actually is fact. The NDP has asked for the minutes of the meeting because there is some questions about student aid that have to be answered. It appears that there is some contradictions within the ministry that have to be straightened out very soon. I have been in contact with Stephen Howard at SFU a few times regarding the student aid problem. There are about 300 students at Langara that are being affected by the recent budget announcements regarding student aid.

Due to a constitutional screw-up, our general elections were postponed until May 13 and 14. As it is, we are in the process of re-writing our whole constitution. In fact, it is ready to be ratified by council and it should be within the next two weeks. In this constitution, there will be no appointed positions, no course requirements and no gpa requirements. In addition to this, we will be having stipends for all council members. I do not anticipate any problems with the new document and I think that we will be taking it to a general meeting in May.

The AACC symposium is coming up in May. Some of the people at VCC think that we should give the organization another chance. However, I think that they have had their chance. I think that it would be a good idea if we choose a delegate because if we do not then the administration will choose one. We can boycott the symposium after we have said that we will attend. I am willing to work on organizing an alternate meeting-- possibly at the SUB at langara!!!!

At Langara, we are now working on getting our highschool speaking organized. You will also find attached a copy of the pamphlet that we will be using. We will be distributing these to all the students that we will be talking to. We are in the process of contacting all of the highschools and arranging times that we can come onto the schools and talk to the grad classes. All of the speaking will be done within the next month. All of the schools that we have contacted to date sound enthusiastic about us coming.

With the Capilano referendum coming soon, I wrote a letter to the editor about the "evils of pulling out". I also helped the no campaign paint posters last

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On Wednesday we had a rep. from the fee hike strike committee at UBC. Although we invited this group to come and speak our council has chosen not to endorse the group because we do not feel that they can get enough support from the students. Although the idea is a good one, I do not think that it will work.

Next week, our women's committee is hosting a seminar on abortion. Speakers from both pro-choice and pro-life have been asked because of pressure from students. I hope that it goes well and doesn't end up in a screaming match between the two groups.

That's it for now folks!

Staff Report
Executive Officer

March 5th. - April 6th., 1984

Below is a list of work complete:

Organizational

- constitution/AGM report to Registrar of Societies
- minutes of previous executive meeting typed & distributed
- preparation for this meeting--agenda, annotated agenda, etc.
- 2nd amalgamation paper (attached)
- attended amalgamation/central committee/board meetings
- financial stuff as usual
- Olivetti phone around
- meeting with John Perry (attached)

Communication with Locals

- one Update sent (work-load has prevented more work on this)
- phone liaison with each local association
- answered miscellaneous correspondence that has been kicking around the office for some time
- send information to Northwest College
- answered 2 UVic information requests

Materials/Research

- designed LOSING IT poster
- wrote copy for 3 LOSING IT leaflets, designed 4 leaflets
- UBC Grad Student Society referendum letter written and designed
- worked on B.C. Student
- requested information from UVic's Charles Gallagher

Liaison With Government and Opposition

- preparation for Joyal Meeting
- phone contact with Ministry of Education and NDP

Media Contact

- press release re: week of action
- phone calls to each media outlet re: week of action
- press conference information kits
- phone contact with t.v. media re: VVI forum
- lots of contact with CKO radio

Service Programmes

- Armando Tour--somewhat successful
- posters for Studentsaver/ copy of supplement in B.C. Student

Liaison with Other Organizations

- attended Solidarity National Conference meeting (still in infant stages)
- phone contact with CIEA

On-Campus Visits

- Langara organizing meetings
- UBC meeting with Informed Students Association and Nancy
- Capilano College Student Union executive orientation
- UBC Graduate Students' Society work on referendum
- Emily Carr College--one rather pointless visit
- work on Capilano referendum--classroom speaking, leafletting

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Work Not Completed:

- General Meeting minutes (will be done by 84/04/13)
- Critique of '84 Budget

Priorities for Upcoming Period

- work on campaign (as decided at this meeting)*
- work on Studentsaver program*
- Olivetti word-processor training (84/04/11)
- Media Relations Seminar (84/04/28 & 29)
- work on student union officers manual*
- organizing for B.C. Caucus and National General Meeting*
- work on ACCC alternate conference*
- work on summer seminars*

*=as decided by executive at this meeting.

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