

**President's Report : Don Westwood****- SHORT-TERM TRANSITIONAL FUNDING IN AN ERA OF AUSTERITY**

As Ontario faces a protracted period of austerity-level public funding and is embarking on an extensive restructuring of the education sector, we are all being challenged to develop a model for meaningful consultation, within and between our own institutions and, together, with the government. In this context, CUASA has joined with other organized employee groups at Carleton to press for continuation of the "co-determination" process which began here in February when "Transitions Assistance" was announced.

After an initial flurry of intensive co-operative activity, however, we have witnessed a regrettable lull. Meanwhile, management's Long Range Planning Committee has been using this time to regroup and refine the proposals according to its own view of the situation. President Farquhar claims he delayed calling the "stakeholders" together because of the absence of any further signal from OCUA or the government. In response to our expressed concerns, however, he eventually called a meeting of representatives from all University groups on Friday, April 10 to explain the current situation. The major development from that meeting was a commitment to full co-determination in Carleton's second round of submissions to government after OCUA advises us of the issues to be addressed on April 24. If this sounds vague, it is. We'll bring you a full, clear report in the next issue of the newsletter.

**- ACCOUNTABILITY**

In financial matters, the government has now embarked on "Value For Money" (VFM) audits of all universities, scrutinizing not their policies, but whether administration of those policies is effective and efficient. The VFM audits, themselves, are intended to demonstrate VFM, but nobody can yet define value (presumably whatever the current government wishes it to mean). The auditors are described as watchdogs, but they can't bite!

All this scrutiny is based on the view, put forward by the Smith Commission last Fall, that universities are a black hole into which public money is poured, but nobody knows how it is used. All must now be open, in order to close the communication gaps. Hopefully, if the universities' books are opened, it will be the implications of underfunding that will be disclosed.

Under our own Collective Agreement, we are using Article 19 meetings to "carry out a continuing analysis of the University's financial situation in the light of enrolment and funding trends". Even though we have not been prepared to countenance any modification of the existing Collective Agreement, we have been successful in establishing a considerable measure of openness in discussion and disclosure of financial information. We shared this with our members at the annual general meeting on April 15.

**- LONG-TERM RESTRUCTURING**

There is every indication that restructuring is the government's primary aim. OCUFA will continue to lobby. Professor Bill Graham (OCUFA President) and Professor Mary Francis Richardson have been appointed to represent faculty on a task force on long-term re-shaping of the university system. Its mandate, as announced by Colleges and Universities Minister Richard Allen, is "to continue developing, enhancing and adapting restructuring measures to eventually transform the system". A parallel task force has been struck for the College sector. We must remember, of course, that the NDP is not wedded to the university system; to them the colleges are the No. 1 priority in post-secondary education. For example: they see not two professional schools in, say, Dentistry, but one, in combination with a college. It is imperative, therefore, that suggestions for restructuring come from the institutions themselves, with the full involvement of faculty and staff. Otherwise, the decisions will be entirely those of administrators and politicians alone, as has happened in the UK, Australia and Germany, with disastrous results.

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**DEADLINE - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ALLOWANCE**

The **deadline** to submit receipts for **Professional Development Allowance** is **April 30, 1992**. The employer has circulated a Professional Development Reimbursement form to all members. If you require another form contact your Dean. You may claim the \$600 as soon as you have spent it, by submitting the original receipts to your Dean (or equivalent). Those wishing to carry over all or part of this sum may do so by applying to their Dean/University Librarian. [Article 40.13 p.155-156]

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## MEETING WITH EVELYN GIGANTES

At the end of February, Evelyn Gigantes met with University officials and "stakeholders". Those present expressed concerns over a number of issues, particularly Transitional Funding. The stakeholders welcomed the clear guidelines but cautioned that administrations who failed to take them into account might still be rewarded, thereby sending the wrong message. Gigantes expressed interest and suggested that we meet with her again.

## STRIKE AT MOUNT ALLISON UNIVERSITY, N.B.

On April 3, a miserable, snowy day in New Brunswick, the Mount Allison Faculty Association began a legal strike to protest a series of clawbacks by their Employer, including an actual roll-back in salaries, benefit cuts, the imposition of Sabbatical quotas and re-introduction of mandatory retirement. At Mount Allison, faculty are under intense pressure to make huge sacrifices when times are hard. But when times were good, the employer was not in such a 'sharing' mode. MAFA needs, and will get, our support and we have so informed Mount Allison's management.

## FINN RETURNS

CUASA Business Agent, Pat Finn, has returned from sabbatical. Pat was seconded to the CAUT to write a background paper and text of a Normative Instrument on Higher Education Personnel. This involved attending conferences at both Unesco and ILO and meetings with various representatives of higher education personnel. Once the first draft of the paper had been submitted to the CAUT in mid-January, Pat was free to take up a consultancy position with Unesco headquarters in Paris in the Education Division. CUASA welcomes her back and is delighted that she had both a productive and enjoyable sabbatical.

## HOUSING NOTICES

### 1992 SUMMER RENTALS

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Responsible couple -- ideal house-sitters, with references -- seeks 3 bedroom home convenient to Carleton to rent for 1992-93 academic year, 15 August 1992 - August/September 1992. Leigh Sorty CCSS, 2011 Dunton Tower.