

AGM 2002

April 18, 2002 - 6:00 pm

Present: 32 members Guest: Cindy Oliver, CIEA Secretary-Treasurer

Agenda: M/S Moore, Vogler -to approve as amended **Carried**

Minutes of Oct 4, 2001: M/S Schultz/Stubbs -to approve as read **Carried**

Minutes of Feb. 4, 2002: M/S Shadrack/Rowell - to approve as read **Carried**

Cindy Oliver brought greetings from CIEA and spoke on happenings at CIEA and their commitments to fighting the governments announcements on cutbacks, tuition freeze lifting, and bills affecting post-secondary education.

Annual Reports: M/S Shadrack, Moore -to accept the annual reports except Treasurers and PD **Carried**

Jim Howard reported on the Pension Committee and their direction to the college to pay their half of the pension deductions for those faculty who were initially discouraged from joining the pension plan and who now wish to buyback time

A discussion on release time suggested that the new executive needs to look at the amount of release time negotiated by the SCFA and the distribution of this time to executive members.

The Human Rights Committee has looked at the Provincial referendum on Treaty Negotiations and is viewing it as a human rights issue, but there appears to be no clear message as to what people should do with the referendums. The Lower Columbia River All First Nations Council (office in Castlegar) and the United Church has been collecting the ballots. Discussion ensued but no formal motion was passed at the meeting.

Treasurers Report: M/S Bates, Brown -that the budget for 2002/2003 be approved as presented. **Carried**

PD Report: M/S Schultz, Shadrack -that the preliminary PD budget be approved as presented. **Carried**

Constitutional Changes:

Executive Motion #1 -to amend the motion by deleting the second sentence. **Carried**

M/S Shadrack, Howard -to amend the motion to add the words 'at a time' after the words 'term' and "terms" **Carried**

Motion to read: The President shall normally serve for a single term at a time and in no circumstances more than two consecutive terms at a time. **Carried**

Executive Motion #2 In Article IV Section 1, renumber the remaining paragraphs to accommodate Executive Motion #1 **Carried**

Executive Motion #3 In Article XI delete the underlined and add the italicized words.

M/S Shadrack, Schultz -add the words 'at the AGM' after the word 'membership'
Carried

Motion as amended: Audit and Inspection of Books Section 1

An auditor *A committee of 3 members, who are not members of the executive,* shall be appointed by resolution of the Annual General Meeting. *This committee shall inspect the books and records of the association twice a year and make a written report to the membership at the AGM.* If an Auditor is not appointed, then the Auditor in office continues as Auditor until a successor is appointed. **Carried**

Representatives to College Board: Larry Dickerson and Duane Seibel were given some time to campaign for the position on the college Board.

SCFA Exectutive and Committee Nonminations:

President: M/S Vogler, Gibson -nominated Jim Howard **Elected**

Vice-Pres: M/S Vogler, Barkley - nominated Tracy Punchard **Elected**

Treasurer M/S Barkley, Moore -nominated Ross Bates **Elected**

SWCC Chair: M/S Gibson, Moore -nominated Bev Onischak **Elected**

Retirement Issues: M/S Schultz, Punchard -nominated Jill Harrop **Elected**

PD Committee: M/S Schultz, Vogler -nominated Rita Williams **Elected**

M/S Punchard, Seibel -nominated Duff Sutherland **Elected**

O,H & S: M/S Ball, Vanaanen -nominated Rob Macrae **Elected**

Status of Women: M/S Mckay, Stubbs -nominated Lori Barkley **Elected**

SCOPE: M/S Williams, Seibel -nominated Neil Coburn **Elected**

M/S Moore, Reitan -nominated Lesley Anderton **Elected**

Education Policy: -nomination deferred to later date

Human Rights: **M/S Onischak, McKay** -nominated Liz Ball **Elected**

Status on Non-Regular Faculty: Neil Stubbs to remain in this position until September.

Delegates to CIEA AGM: nominated and **elected:**

Jim Howard (as President of SCFA), Neil Stubbs, Jill Harrop, Duff Sutherland

Motion: -to thank Bev for her multiple terms as President of SCFA

Motion re: Tuition Increases **M/S Shadrack, Barkley** - [to approve motion as circulated](#)

Whereas post secondary education is tuition free in many European Union countries (i.e. Ireland);

And whereas the recently introduced entry level wage, at \$6, is 56% of the real value of minimum wage in 1975;

And whereas the youth unemployment rate in the College region is 20% or higher;

And whereas the imposition by the United States of the Softwood Lumber tariff and ongoing cuts to government programs and services is creating serious financial hardship to individuals and families in the College region;

And whereas the average family income, at \$46,500, in the Regional District Central Kootenay is 18% lower than the average provincial family income;

Be it resolved that the Selkirk College Faculty Association (SCFA) is opposed to increasing tuition fees at this time;

And Be it further resolved that the SCFA is opposed to increasing tuition fees without the College first increasing bursary funding for those who would otherwise be unable to obtain a post secondary education.

Defeated

M/S Howard, Moore -While the SCFA recognizes the pressure the College is currently under to rise tuition fees, the SCFA urges the College to:

1. Reflect local conditions and realities in any tuition adjustments it makes
2. Reserve a significant portion of tuition revenue to assist the most financially vulnerable students through bursaries, scholarships, work study opportunities, etc.
3. Commit, once adjustments are made, to maintaining the ratio of tuition to overall costs at the same level or less for the next five years
4. Not to exceed the lowest rate of tuition increase introduced by any of our neighbouring public colleges (College of the Rockies, Okanagan University College, Cariboo University College)

Friendly amendment Shadrack- in point 1, strike the word "local" and add "the", after "and" add the word "economic" and delete the word "in" and add the phrase "of local students"

M/S Williams, Macrae -to amend motion by striking points #3
Carried

M/S Williams, Bates -to amend motion by striking point #4 **Carried**

Motion now to read:

While the SCFA recognizes the pressure the college is currently under to raise tuition fees, the SCFA urges the college to:

1. Reflect the local conditions and economic realities of local students in any tuition adjustments it makes
2. Reserve a significant portion of tuition revenues to assist the most financially vulnerable students through bursaries, scholarships, work study opportunities, etc. **Carried** Shadrack, Wolfe opposed.

CIEA Constitutional Changes:

Bev was seeking comment and feedback on the resolutions to be brought before the CIEA AGM for [constitution and by-law changes](#).

M/S Bates, Macrae -SCFA opposes Resolutions # 5-8 **Carried**

M/S Bates, Macrae -SCFA supports Resolutions # 1-3 **Carried**

Notice of Motion: -Shadrack

Be it resolved that the Selkirk College Faculty Association create a labour adjustment fund;

Be it further resolved that each member of the aforesaid bargaining unit, earning above \$25,000, be requested to contribute 3% of their gross salary to the labour adjustment fund;

And be it further resolved that this resolution, if passed at the AGM, be put to a

referendum of all the members of the bargaining unit.

M/S Bates, Macrae -that trustees be nominated at the next meeting to audit the SCFA.
Carried

Adjournment: 9:30 pm