



association of university and college employees

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Mr. R.A. Grant
Director
Employee Relations Dept.
Campus Mail

Dear Mr. Grant:

Re: Washroom Facilities - Housing Department

It has been recently brought to my attention that the washroom facilities for the staff in the Housing Department, located in the Ponderosa Building, are inadequate, in contravention of Article 24.01 - "Working Conditions".

The staff in the Housing Department are currently required to share a washroom with the students using the Ponderosa as a cafeteria. According to the Department of Labour, Occupational Environment Branch, the minimum requirements for washrooms is as follows:

"In every office or shop each washroom must be equipped with one water closet for fewer than 10 employees, two water closets for fewer than 25 employees and one water closet for each additional 25 employees thereafter. When more than one water closet is required in a washroom for male employees, urinals may be substituted for half the required number of water closets." (1-40A Washrooms Employment in British Columbia, Working Conditions and Standards).

The Occupational Environment Branch further stated that when washrooms are shared by the General Public these minimum standards cannot be guaranteed. It is therefore necessary for staff to have separate washrooms from those allocated to the general public.

I have requested that an inspector visit the premises. It is the Union's position that the University provide separate washrooms for the staff in the Housing Department. Please respond at your earliest convenience.

Yours Truly,

Wendy Bice
Union Co-ordinator
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cc: Judy Blair, Housing