

ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE EMPLOYEES  
INQUIRY INTO SECESSION  
AUCE LOCAL 5

Q U E S T I O N N A I R E

As you were informed in our recent letter to you, this questionnaire is being circulated as the first step of our inquiry into the petition to secede received from members of Local 5.

We are sure you will agree that the question of your Local's future is a serious one. Please give us your responses and your views on each point. Your answers will not only help us conduct our inquiry but will be an aid in evaluating AUCE and its organization.

Enclosed is a return addressed, stamped envelope. The completed questionnaires must be returned to the Provincial and:

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*April 29*  
THURSDAY, ~~MARCH 25~~, 1982

1. Why do you think your local wishes to secede from AUCE?

*to get a better deal locally*

- optional* 2. Are you: Male ☒   
Female ☐

- optional* 3. Please check your age group: under 20 ☐   
20 - 30 ☐   
30 - 40 ☐   
over 40 ☒

4. How long have you been a member of AUCE? *4 years*

5. Have you ever belonged to another union? Yes ☐   
No ☒

If so, which ones? \_\_\_\_\_

6. What kind of work do you do at the College? *Physic technician*



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7. Have you ever held any office in AUCE Local 5? Yes X  
No

Do you plan to? Yes         
No X

8. Have you attended local meetings where secession was discussed?

Yes X

No       

How many? More than 5

9. Were arguments presented on the advantages of staying in AUCE as well as on the advantages of leaving? Did you feel only one side was given fair time? Please comment.

Advantages and disadvantages were  
presented, no one was denied time to  
talk

10. Would you attend a meeting to hear other opinions?

Yes X

No       

11. Has time been provided at membership meetings for your Local's Provincial Representatives to make reports? Have they in fact made reports?

Yes

12. How much did last year's strike affect your view of AUCE?

very much so

13. AUCE was set up as a feminist alternative to the more traditional "male-controlled" unions. Our aims and objectives include:  
-- organizing the unorganized -- especially women  
-- speaking out publicly on issues important to workers -- especially women  
-- maintaining a membership controlled (as opposed to an executive controlled) structure

Do you generally agree or disagree with these objectives?

Agree X

Disagree



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What changes would you make to these aims and objectives?

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14. Do you think that the Provincial Executive has lived up to its responsibilities?

Yes       

No   X  

What have they done right or wrong?

Changed the constitution and making  
it retroactive In my mind  
this is totally undemocratic,  
This is what you would expect  
from a communist or dictator run  
organisation.

15. What should a Provincial organization do to assist and support a union such as yours?

Have a experience person in  
collective agreement negotiations present  
during our contract negotiations.

16. Do you have specific complaints about AUCE or the Provincial Executive? What are they?

They are to far away in Vancouver

17. Members of other AUCE locals would like to see AUCE in the CCU. How do you think your leaving AUCE would affect this possibility?

They can do the same



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18. Would you like all AUCE locals to joint the CCU?

Yes X

No     

19. If the affiliation policy changed at Convention, would that change your attitude about secession?

Yes X

No     

Why or why not? Yes, if Auce constitution was changed back to how it was, making what Auce 5 did in joining the CCU constitutional. This would allow other Auce locals to affiliate with who they wanted.

20. Do you want your Local to secede from AUCE? Yes X

No     

Please feel free to use the remaining space for any comments you may have.  
We would be pleased to hear anything you have to say.