

INTERESTING TIMES

A Newsletter from AUNBT

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Fall 2011

AUNBT would like to welcome all our members to another fall term: our long-standing members, as well as our new members, both regular and contract academics. The term has barely started and we already have a number of items to communicate:

NEW BRUNSWICK FEDERATION OF LABOUR

Following the overwhelming vote at the last Annual General Meeting, the Executive pursued the question of membership in the NBFL. We are pleased to announce that AUNBT is now a member of the Federation, and we look forward to finding common ground, building alliances, and working with organizations across the province to improve working conditions for all New Brunswickers.

PSAC

As you may know, the Public Service Alliance of Canada is seeking to organize APT workers at UNB. AUNBT offers its full support to members of the University community without representation who are pursuing their right to organize.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

We have been known as the Association of University of New Brunswick Teachers since the organization was founded as a faculty

association in 1956, and there is much to be said for tradition. But ever since librarians were welcomed in 1973, that name has not truly reflected the diversity of our membership. Now AUNBT represents over one thousand regular faculty (the professoriate as well as instructors), librarians, contract faculty, and nurse clinicians. It may be time to consider changing our name to reflect the changing face of our union. To that end, the AUNBT executive voted unanimously, at a meeting held on Sept. 14, 2011, to recommend the following motion to the membership:

Be it resolved that AUNBT change its name from the Association of University of New Brunswick Teachers (AUNBT) to the Association of University of New Brunswick Academics (AUNBA).

Members will be asked to vote on this motion at the next business meeting in late April or early May of 2012.

STEWARDS

On August 17, 2011 AUNBT sent out a call for volunteers to be interim stewards while we implement an

election process. We are still looking for volunteers from some units in Fredericton (Chemical Engineering, Culture and Languages, Electrical Engineering, Forestry, French, Geomatics, Geology, Philosophy, Physics, Political Science, Psychology and Business) and many in Saint John.

The position involves meeting twice a term and serving as an information conduit between the Executive and your unit. No experience is necessary. If you are looking for a way to increase your involvement with the union, please consider being a steward.

INCOMING EXECUTIVE

Officers:

President:	Jula Hughes, Law, UNBF
Vice-President-CAE:	Wendy Bourque, Psychology, UNBF
Secretary:	Juan Carretero, Mechanical Engineering, UNBF
Grievance Co-chair:	Francesca Holyoke, Archives and Special Collections, UNBF
Past President & Grievance co-chair:	Jennie Hornosty, Sociology, UNBF
Vice-President:	Miriam Jones, Humanities and Languages, UNBSJ
Vice-President-SJ:	Elizabeth McGahan, History and Politics, UNBSJ
Treasurer:	Alyssa Sankey, Mathematics and Statistics, UNBF

In addition, the following individuals were elected or acclaimed this past May to be Members-at-Large on the AUNBT executive for the term of one year:

David Bell, Law, UNBF
Dorothy Duplessis, Business Admin., UNBF
Greg Fleet, Business, UNBSJ
Arthur James, Classics, UNBF
Brian Lowry, Chemical Engineering, UNBF
Rose McCloskey, Nursing, UNBSJ
Bill Parenteau, History, UNBF
Merle Steeves, UNB Libraries, UNBF
Lloyd Waugh, Civil Engineering, UNBF
Melanie Wiber, Anthropology, UNBF
Lucy Wilson, Geology, UNBSJ

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COMMITTEES

A UNBT has a number of committees, both internal, and joint-committees with the University administration. Committees are another way to get involved with the union and learn about the workings of the larger institution. Please see aunbt.ca for more information.