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Memo

To: All Members of the UPEI Faculty Association
Date: February 27, 2008
Subject: Follow-up re: *University 151: World Issues* credit course

In response to its request, the Union recently met with President MacLauchlan, Vice-President Timmons and Dean Pike to learn how this course will be developed and delivered.

As was communicated to campus on February 14, 2008, the University has created a multi-disciplinary working group to guide the development and delivery of this new course. It is the Union's understanding, however, that a course description will be brought to Senate for its consideration on March 7, 2008.

To this point, the University has confirmed several key items to the Union:

- This course will be taught by UPEI Faculty Members and Sessional Instructors who will be hired in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Collective Agreement. Senior students will assist as writing mentors.
- The course co-ordinator position is a non-academic, staff position responsible only for the logistics of the course operation and management. This position will not be involved in any instructional processes. Initially, the position will be a 12 month, full-time contract to be advertised immediately.
- The course co-ordinator will not have any supervisory or authoritative role over academic staff members nor over the student writing mentors. The student writing mentors will be supervised by the academic staff.
- The evaluation of any teaching for any academic staff involved in this course will be carried out in accordance with the Collective Agreement procedures.

Further to this, the Union is awaiting a response from the University regarding its position on other issues of concern. Be assured that the Union will continue to work to ensure that its interests and those of its Members are respected in the development and delivery of this new course. Your continued patience is appreciated.