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## *Memo*

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**To:** All Members of the UPEI Faculty Association

**Date:** March 7, 2008

**Subject:** Further follow-up re: *University 151: World Issues* credit course

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The Union's last memo on this subject, dated February 27, 2008, indicated that there were other issues of concern for which the Union was awaiting some response from the University. These concerns related to: 1) the admission of Members from outside the Faculty of Education to Education's Sessional Roster so that they can be considered for the teaching of University 151, and 2) whether English 101 will be considered a "substantially equivalent" course to University 151 for purposes of the Right of Recall Article (G1.6.2).

A response was received from Dean Pike saying that he would welcome applications from instructors across campus who would be qualified (as defined in Article G1.5) to teach University 151. Qualifications would be set out in the ads for any Sessional Instructor positions that may be offered, which must be posted by April 1, 2008.

Any Member (either a Sessional Instructor on a Sessional Roster in another academic unit or a Faculty Member whose employment is ending) who wants to be considered for these positions must first apply for admission to the Faculty of Education's Sessional Roster in accordance with Article G1.6.1a). The Union advises that you do this as soon as possible. Once admitted to this Roster, you would then proceed to apply for the position in response to any posting.

Regarding the second concern, Dean Pike replied that he would not regard University 151 as "substantially equivalent" to English 101 for the purposes of Right of Recall. He indicated that the stimulus for and the focus of the writing for this new course will be different than that for English 101 and that the range of instructional techniques and assessment formats likely to be used would not commonly be found in English 101.

It should be reiterated that the description for this new course has not yet been considered by the Senate for approval. It is our understanding that this will occur at the Senate meeting today.

*This memo is being distributed to all Union Members. It is also being distributed to individuals who are on the Sessional Rosters of the various academic units but who may not be teaching this semester. As the Union may not have the current email addresses for all of these individuals, the Union asks Department Chairs and other Members to pass this information along to them.*