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Memo

To: All Members of the UPEI Faculty Association
Date: February 12, 2008
Subject: Newly proposed *University 151: World Issues* credit course

Just over one week ago, the University unveiled a newly proposed *University 151: World Issues* credit course which is replacing the English 101 graduation requirement starting in the 2008-2009 academic year. Since this time, there has been much speculation but little detail provided regarding how this course will be developed and offered to approximately 800 first year students. As a result, there has been a significant amount of anxiety and concern among Union members, especially those who have taught English 101.

During this time, the Union has been cautiously awaiting further information regarding the details of how this course will be developed and taught within the framework of the Collective Agreement and the Certification Order. However, since it has been more than a week now since this proposal was introduced and no detailed information of this type has been made available, the Union is now seeking further detail from the Employer.

Today, the Union sent a letter to President MacLauchlan requesting a meeting with him as soon as possible to provide an opportunity for us to learn how this course will be developed and delivered. In it, the Union stated that it requires specific details from the Employer regarding the scope and type of involvement that Union members will have in the development and delivery of this credit course. It was further stated that simple assurances that the course will be developed and offered in accordance with the Collective Agreement will not suffice.

Once more information is gained about how this new course will be developed and delivered, the Union will be in a better position to determine what, if any, course of action we might take and to offer further comment. Until that time, however, please be assured that the Union is watching this situation very closely and will be working to ensure that its interests and those of its members are respected in this process.

Your patience is appreciated. Should you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact Wayne Peters, UPEIFA President.