

NEWSLETTER #5

November 2003

Special General Meeting of the UPEIFA

All members of the UPEIFA within Bargaining Unit #1 (Faculty, Librarians, Sessionals, Clinical Nursing Instructors) are asked to attend a special meeting on the evening of <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>November 12th</u>, at 6:00 in the <u>Duffy Amphitheatre</u> (<u>Duffy 121</u>). This meeting has been called in order to inform the membership about the package of proposals on salaries and benefits that the FA intends to submit to the Administration very soon.

There will be an opportunity to pose questions and provide opinions at the meeting. The executive will take all suggestions into consideration in completing the final draft.

Please plan to attend this very important meeting.

Academic Planning Framework - an invitation

Recently, the UPEI Senate established a committee to develop an Academic Planning Framework for the university. The membership of the committee provides for two (2) representatives of the Faculty Association.

Chaired by the VP-Academic Development, the committee is charged with developing an overall planning process that will address the following:

- to support teaching and learning success
- to develop an academic planning process
- to utilize students interest, and market demands to assist in identifying potential programs
- to develop a strategy which links academic planning to space, budget and infrastructure planning
- to support student recruitment and enrollment planning
- to reflect upon the role and direction of on-line learning

The report of this committee will have a profound influence on academic planning at UPEI. It is vital that the Faculty Association be represented by people with a strong belief in the academic future of UPEI, and commitment to the interests of faculty and academic staff in that future.

The tentative plan is to have the committee begin work as soon as possible, with an eye to having a report for presentation to Senate by the end of the current academic year.

If you would like to represent the FA in this important task, please contact Larry Hale at 566-0551 or <u>LHALE@UPEI.CA</u> by November 12, 2003.

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