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I am not working for them. I am trying to stay in a central position, somewhat neutral but taking things by an issue by issue basis. Essentially, I'm trying to stay in a position that will allow me to get things done in Richmond.

I do not recognize them as being able to do what they have done and I think this matter should be investigated by the RCMP, especially if fraud has been perpetrated in their attempt to do what they did.

I sent to the senior leadership team the e-mail Paul Browning sent out late Tuesday to everyone saying things were still under investigation and releasing the complaints he got. I also forwarded to them the CRO's final report and have noted that as a member of the old council - and if they are choosing to only recognize me only as a member of this new rogue council that the electorate voted in, then as a member of that body I told them I don't recognize it and strongly disagree with the actions they have taken. So Skip and his company know my position. I went up on Friday to try and see him, perhaps get a copy of the supposed letter from the ombuds but he wasn't available. I plan to try and do this early next week. I hope to gain audience as a concerned BOG rep. On late Thursday I left message with Desmond that I was going to try and do this. On late Wednesday, I tried contacting Desmond and left him with updates as to the information I had collected. I sent him msn messages as well on late Thursday with information.

I do not like being shut out of the Richmond offices as I have a right to be there, and the only way the institution would give me access is if Takhar authorized it so I pulled my weight and got me, Johnny Woo and Mohammed as well as Gallivan & Associates

access back to the Richmond offices. I told Desmond on Friday morning, early that I was working hard to get access back to Richmond offices. I also have phone codes and rcc e-mail access again. Takhar has said he can get Stafford and Laura access to Langley again. It's like an episode of Star Trek when the Enterprise is taken over, Kirk and company or Picard and company, or Janeway and company try to do what they can to get access to even portions of their ship back. As long as they are pent up in Surrey, if I can use the resources of Richmond to continue doing work, using resources we rightfully should have access to, perhaps our ability to circumvent and spread information to students about this situation becomes stronger.

I won't be undermined and see the work that RCC has been doing go down the drain. We rescheduled our show from spring to summer to hopefully market it better and actually sell tickets as our marketing efforts were destroyed by the strike. I won't let \$2,000 (the cost of our summer events) go down the drain because of the actions of the RAF. I plan on distributing an info letter about the situation - that I hope to get Desmond to help me with, that I will print and distribute with the information package I will be giving out to students over the next 2 weeks.

Takhar seems to trust me right now so if I can use that to get information I will. I passed on to Desmond what little information Takhar gave me in regards to the precedent they are basing their "legal claims" on - so that we can find it and hopefully debunk it. I also shared with Council what other information I have gathered yesterday at the meeting. If I can get more information, I will. As of right now, I've shared no information about our positions to Takhar - and Johnny and Cassandra can attest to that.

Further, Takhar has stated to me and Johnny that they will not be moving any money motions at their emergency meeting and no collective agreements or anything else is on the table. They know their position and are concentrating on legal remedies to cement it. So right now, it's us VS. them, and I want due process to play out in this election, and I want due process to play out in the court injunctions and other legal remedies that are being sought right now because I have a vested interest in seeing the election take its proper course.

I'm also upset that all the business offices are going to be closed on Monday and Tuesday and we did our best to try and get them opened right away, as the operations of the society during the first week of classes should not be circumvented - the first week is a peak time for the KSA in sales and we're losing money because of this little power play. I hope to get a volunteer to sit outside the business office and hand out an info leaflet about why the office is

closed.

I myself and members of my CSI slate have already filed a number of appeals in regards to the CRO's final report that was released on Thursday. As you know we ran a number of people for executive positions, and our team's fight to try and get them elected is far from over, it is our right to appeal and we have done so. We have no interest in siding with either side of candidates in this election - we have interest in serving students and ensuring our interests are protected.

If I was with them, would I have posted the full CRO report on the forum and then on my own website? I've made my position clear on my website. So I hope you understand my position - I'm trying to be very rational about this, I'm trying to avoid in speculation or finger pointing in regards to what has happened since Wednesday and I'm strongly advocating for due process which is why we've made our appeals to the ombudsperson.

Due process man, due process.

- Steve

PS. I trust that everyone I send this e-mail to will keep the information contained herein to themselves as all of this is very sensitive information and I don't want my ability to get information from RAF to be cut off at the moment until we get the courts to get us back into the offices and hopefully allow due process to prevail.

--- duncan mcdonald <clovis123@hotmail.com> wrote:

Well Steve we find ourselves in an interesting situation. There are rumors that you are now working for them. I don't know. We do have our differences; however, both of us understand the By-laws and Regulations regarding turn over of an elected board.

I don't know if you are working for them this letter is written if you are or to pull you from being neutral. I hope that you aren't hitting delete right now.

First, all legal opinion that we have sought recognizes us as the properly elected board. I was told of some case law where a temple board didn't want to hold an election so they didn't hold an election for two and a half years, their by-laws stating that they had to hold one every year. A rival group (really

multiple groups) called an election and won called themselves the elected board. They went to court to make it official and the court ruled that the original board was still the board. That the rival election was a fake election because the by-laws state that only the sitting board can call an election.

The sitting board was told that they must call an election in the next five months, and turn over must happen in the next eight months. Why was this so cut and dry. Their election rules are laid out and must be followed fully.

Now to say the things that should scare you, fuck they scare me. This group is backed by CUPE 2396, if they sign the collective agreement as it stands it will have massive repercussions. 1. costing out the agreement with new health provisions, wages, time off, travel costs, child care, RRSP contributions, HR in meetings because they will have to sit on every committee, we would be over budget before we did any event that year.

2. The agreement currently designates all labor to be staff labor and if any work is done by a non-union member it is a grievable offence. If you want to send a fax, make a pamphlet, make a marketing survey, on the issue of letter writing Garry the union negotiator said, "Well, you would have to have a staff person proof read the letter and rewrite it and send it."

3. It has further stipulations about control of the environment; if you want to paint the walls, change desks, do a renovation.

4. Disciplining staff, there are six areas of discipline. If a person breaks any of the areas of discipline they go through a three step verbal, written, termination. However, if they break rules in different areas they don't lead to the next level of discipline. Each area is considered separate. In addition the staff members file must be cleaned out ever six months.

This collective agreement sounds far-fetched look at the SFU collective agreement or the CAP agreement or the Camoson agreement and you will see I am not making this up.

If you have any further questions call me 454-7729