



Federation of
Post-Secondary Educators
of BC

September 20, 2007

Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada – Vancouver
Suite 1600 Library Square
300 West Georgia Street
Vancouver, BC V6B 6C9

c/o Alison Bodine
info@mawovancouver.org

Re: Alison Bodine Hearing

Dear Sir/Madam

I write on behalf of our 10,000 members of faculty and staff at BC's colleges, university colleges and university to protest the changes brought against Alison Bodine.

As I understand the facts of the case, Ms. Bodine was detained and charged for possessing political literature, which had been taken from her by Canadian customs officials, on Tuesday, September 11, 2007.

Such an act of confiscation and subsequent charges constitute a gross abrogation of Ms. Bodine's academic freedom. She has the right to exercise her academic freedom including the right to protest and organize around anti-war and social justice issues.

I urge you to drop these charges and restore to Ms. Bodine her freedom.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cindy Oliver', written over a horizontal line.

Cindy Oliver
President, FPSE

cc: Diane Finley, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Canada

CUPE 1004 : 07.09.20
gds – t:\co\lrs\Bodine070920