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SU FEE INCREASE FAILS

Students' Council, in its next meeting, intends to give second reading to a bylaw change that will allow candidates in SU elections to run on an individual basis. The present mandatory slate system will, however, be retained as an option.



Because the change will come after nominations are closed for the upcoming election, some council members were

marking debate

Student reps twice convinced a reluctant General Faculties Council to agree to consider issues of particular importance to students.

A special meeting to re-appraise the 9-point grading scale and a debate at its next regular meeting on a system of pre-registration were both approved by the council at Monday's meeting.

"Professors do not know how to apply it, students do not understand it, and other universities do not know how to interpret it," Rob Curtis, student law rep, argued in urging the body to take another look at the 9-point system of marking.

Referring to a GFC report rejected by GFC earlier in the year, Curtis said that a special meeting was necessary because the normal channels had been tried already and had been "found sterile."

Arts rep Gary Draper, dissatisfied with a report from the GFC course registration procedures committee which recommended that the university not introduce a pre-registration system, moved that the report come under debate at the next meeting of GFC.

GFC also approved a move by E. E. Daniel, professor of pharmacology, to establish a standing committee to review environmental matters on campus.

Angry with the way the GFC executive had treated his earlier request for action on the STOP report on campus pollution problems, Daniel also moved that copies of that report be distributed to GFC members.

He cited a decision not to remove a handsoap containing 3% hexachlorophene from university washrooms until concentrations of that strength were banned by the federal drug directorate, and the brief presented to the city transit hearings which had opposed rapid transit,

concerned that advertisements in *The Gateway* for candidates to run on an individual basis might be considered fraudulent, or at best confusing.

To forestall such confusion, council first attempted to construe last week's discussion as a first reading to the bylaw amendment, thus paving the way to a second and final reading at Monday's meeting. The meeting then degenerated into 1½ hours of procedural wrangling which ended in an attempt to have two meetings on the same night: one to give first reading, the second to give second reading.

The attempt failed, however, when some council members refused to show up for the "second meeting," resulting in the loss of quorum.

The meeting was reconvened on the pretense that the adjournment had in fact been only a coffee break.

FEE INCREASE PROPOSED

A proposed fee increase of \$1, the maximum allowed without a referendum on the question, was turned down by all members of council except Daryl Grams (science rep), Howard Christenson (engineering rep) and SU president Gerald Riskin.

Arts rep Chris Bearchell spoke vehemently against the proposal on the grounds that the recent fee referendum indicated clearly enough the feelings of students toward any increase in the SU budget.

She also spoke out against the "corporate unionism" and "memo-mania" of the present SU, calling

for greater social action and student services for the fees students are already paying.

Beth Kuhnke, v-p services, suggested a cut in administration costs, while Gary West, v-p finances, in what he admitted was a "crummy analogy," likened the fee increase to throwing a sand bag into the North Saskatchewan river when it flooded last spring.

CANADIANS ONLY ON EXEC?

Daryl Grams, who had earlier proposed the fee increase, also moved that the SU executive, editor of *The Gateway* and director of CKSR, be limited to Canadian citizens. He argued that restrictions must be imposed now before it is too late to remove Americans "or their misdirected influence."

The proposal was seen by some on council as an attempt to exclude at least one candidate rumoured to be seeking a SU post.

Both Patrick Delaney and Chris Bearchell made the point that foreign students are entitled as students to full student rights. Grams countered by observing that we accept the principle of Canadian citizenship for members of parliament, and by arguing that Canadian citizenship should be required at all levels of government.



Delaney, Christenson, and Carl Kuhnke at this point walked out of the meeting, whereupon Riskin criticized the "intolerance" of their actions.

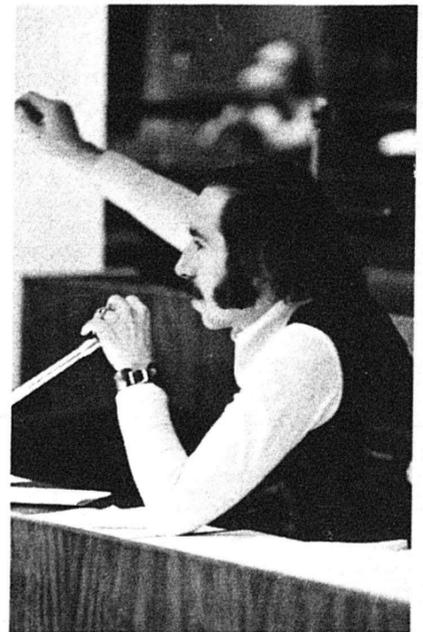
V-p finance Gary West was the only councillor to ask for a "barf bag," although the proposal was almost unanimously defeated.

SUMMER SU UNDER SCRUTINY

In other business council set up a committee to investigate the summer session students' union. Saffron Shandro and Riskin told council that they felt the summer union is abusing the fee charged summer session students. Riskin said he would like to see the summer union, which is not legally constituted under the Universities Act, disbanded. This would leave another \$6 per student in the hands of the winter session SU.

GATEWAY BYLAW

The *Gateway* proposal for a publication board to choose the editor was given second and final reading with an amendment which makes the chairman of the journalism programme at Grant MacEwan Community College one of the nine members of the board. The amendment was necessitated by the



refusal of the editor of the *Edmonton Journal* to accept a position on the board.

The lack of a quorum late in the meeting prevented council consideration of another motion regarding the *Gateway* budget, or the appointment of council's three members on the publication board. The three *Gateway* designates and the student at large have already been named. The ninth member is the outgoing editor of the *Gateway*.

WARDAIR STEWARDESSES

Saffron Shandro, who admitted to having relatives involved in the management side of the current dispute between Wardair and its stewardesses, called for a condemnation of the Stewardesses' Union on the part of the U of A SU. In reply, Chris Bearchell called for "union solidarity," whereupon Riskin pointed out that the Students' Union is not legally a union.

"We're just a corporation which calls itself a union," Riskin said. "It's just as if General Motors called itself General Motors Union."

The meeting ended when West in protest against the speech by Shandro, angrily walked out, taking Quorum with him.

election

The suspense is over! The names of the candidates for the Students' Council elections have been released by returning officer Bruce Ney. For the office of president, the contestants are: Saffron Shandro, William Coppinger, Ken Fordham, George Mantor, Beth Kuhnke, Larry Panych and Glen Pylypa.

The office of executive vice-president is being sought by Chris Bearchell, Gary Croxton, Bruce Taylor, and Denise Guichon, while Sheila Mawson, Jim Tanner, Donald Bell, Gary Draper and Wayne Madden are running for academic v-p.

Those vying for services v-p are Bob Steele, Henry Malta, Randy McDonald and Barb Albert, and the position of finance and administration v-p has Kimball Cariou, Roger Perron, Don Wiley and Dennis Crockett in the running.