

University of Toronto will hire Canadians only

TORONTO (CUP) -- The teaching staff in the Sociology department at the University of Toronto voted last week to hire only Canadian citizens or landed immigrants next year.

The recommendation came in the midst of a furor which broke out over the department's appointment of eight foreigners and no Canadians to teaching positions this year.

Five students and one professor resigned from the department's staffing committee in protest against the hirings.

The resignations were sparked by a motion of censure passed by the Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association (CSAA) in August.

The U of T sociology department was censured for ignoring the association's policy that non-Canadians should not be hired for permanent positions by departments with less than 50 per cent Canadian membership. About 40 per cent of the full-time appointments in sociology at U of T are

held by Canadians. The faculty vote last week will not become departmental policy until it is passed by the departmental assembly, one of the few decision-making bodies at U of T to have equal student-faculty representation.

Professor John Lee, who defended the motion at the meeting, said it is intended to ensure that "only people who are rooted in Canadian society" will be appointed to full-time positions in the U of T sociology department. Lee said he quoted Mao Tse-Tung to make his point "we are not concerned with narrow nationalism here."

"We must not import models of social development created elsewhere," Lee said. "The so-called internationalist position is one that imperial powers have always used to rationalize their policies."

According to professor Jim Turk, who resigned from the staffing committee as a result of the CSAA censure, the meeting was "less acrimonious than

expected." He anticipates the motion will be passed by the departmental assembly.

The amended motion provides that foreign scholars "who have made or who are making a substantial contribution to the understanding of Canadian society" can also be hired.

The policy is restricted to the year 1975-76. Hiring policy will be reconsidered on a yearly basis.

In response to the charge that Canadian applicants were not actively sought out by the staffing committee, the sociology department faculty will consider a motion

at its next meeting Sept. 19 to improve search procedures.

This proposal calls for a departmental "talent scout" to visit other Canadian universities on a regular basis looking for possible applicants.

Department chairman Irving Zeitlin says reports on the hirings have misrepresented the facts. He said of the eight new teaching staff, three had Canadian landed immigrant status at the time of application, and one got his PhD at the University of Alberta.

Zeitlin said the motion was simply

a reaffirmation of departmental hiring guidelines set up two years ago.

"It was an accident this year, the way things turned out," Zeitlin explained. "It was not done by design." He noted two years ago the department hired only Canadians.

"I believe that we should do our utmost to recruit to the department people who have real research interests in Canada," he said. He is "pretty sure" the motion will be supported at the departmental assembly.

University policy causes booking problems

TORONTO (CUP) -- Campus groups at the University of Toronto could run into difficulties booking meeting space on campus as a result of a new university policy which was adopted without notifying any of the groups.

Campus groups cannot technically reserve space unless they have received official recognition by the university administration. The recognition allows the group to use the university's name and campus facilities without charge during regular hours.

University officials claim the charge is solely due to a desire from administrators to have up-to-date information on what campus groups are operating.

However, the timing of the policy change, announced last spring, came shortly after the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) was suspended by the administration for a disruption of a visiting lecturer.

Student committee member David Shindman, however, says

the decision arose directly out of the SDS incident. Internal Affairs had no way of monitoring groups, he added, and wanted to know who was responsible for organizations.

In fact, he says, the committee was "looking for a way to reinstate suspended groups." The only such group at the time--and before or since--was SDS.

SDS activist David Depoe criticized the move claiming it will enable political censorship of groups the administration disagrees with.

Recognition is contingent not only on application for status, including submission of the group's constitution and non-discrimination in membership, but also requires that groups' "objectives and activities...be seen as attempting to contribute to the educational, recreational, social or cultural values of the university."

On this basis, SDS was suspended after its disruption of a lecture by American urbanologist Edward Banfield. Former student

internal affairs member Arlene Dick, says under the clause the same incident could be used to deny SDS recognition this year.

Administrative officials insist that judgement will be made on the basis of information submitted. SDS' previous constitution satisfied all requirements, including non-discrimination and suitable objectives and activities.

But if the Western Guard, which is avowedly white supremacist, applies, she is not as confident.

Depoe denounced the clause used to suspend SDS as "loose and therefore very arbitrary," and declared that the administration was "putting everybody on notice that they had better conform" to what the university thinks a group should do.

SAC president Seymour Kanowitch stated he "probably would disagree" if the group is refused recognition status because of application of the clause to last year's disruption.

NATO appointment criticised

OTTAWA (CUP) -- General Alexander Haig's proposed appointment as NATO's Supreme Allied Commander has run into criticism both in the United States and abroad.

U.S. administration sources report that Haig, the former President Nixon's Chief of Staff, will take over the NATO post and assume command of American forces in Europe this November.

The government of the Netherlands opposes the appointment because Haig is too closely tied to ex-President Nixon, Dutch government sources at NATO headquarters said on September 4.

Max von der Stoel, the Dutch Foreign minister, is reported to be sounding out other European NATO members on the possibility of joint opposition to Haig. His nomination to the NATO post must be approved by all NATO members, usually a rubber stamp matter.

If Haig is opposed by the Europeans, it would be the first time in history that such a thing has happened. All six supreme NATO commanders since 1949 have been U.S. military men.

The proposed appointment has also aroused bitter controversy in the American army officer corps as many question the wisdom of restoring Haig to his former four-star general status.

They argue that Haig was in politics and for its own good the professional army should stay out of politics.

Senator William Proxmire of Wisconsin has also criticised the appointment saying that the nomination of General Haig would

lead officers to believe that the nomination of General Haig would lead officers to believe that political jobs outside the army were a surer road to high command than the usual route of troop command and staff assignments.

Critics have also questioned Haig's military competence claiming that his meteoric rise was due more to political connections than martial accomplishments.

Haig, they argue, has always known the right people. He was administrative assistant to General of the Army, Douglas MacArthur in Japan, and Deputy Special Assistant to Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara as well as holding several other administrative posts.

Notice

Dean Thomas Condon and Assistant Deans Alvin Shaw and Peter Kepros of the Faculty of Arts will visit Lady Dunn Hall on Tuesday, October 1st at 8:00 p.m. to talk about the new marking system. Many students are anxious to find out why the new system has been introduced and how it affects them personally. They will have a chance to hear the answers to their questions at this meeting, which will be held in the Dining Hall of LDH. Afterwards, students will be able to meet the Deans informally and coffee will be served. All students and faculty are invited to attend.

AFRICAN STUDENTS SOCIAL Change of Place

The African Students Social on Saturday, September 28 now takes place in the Tartan Room, STUD. instead of McConnell Hall. Time-9.00pm

ACTION CORPS

Tutors will be going out Monday, October 7, and Wednesday, October 9, for approximately an hour. Wednesday, October 16 will be the start of the regular tutoring. The bus will leave at 6:00; front door of the SUB for both reserves, both nights.

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- WED. 5:15-5:45
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