

Student Senators select council reps

by Dan O'Connor

The new student Senators attended their first regular Senate meeting on Monday, March 12.

The first order of business at the meeting was elections of two academic Senators to the Senate Council. A secret vote was held. Those elected were Dr. R. E. George of the Business Administration and Commerce departments and Dr. R. H. March, the Chairman of the Physics department.

Only Debbie Henderson and Dan O'Connor were nominated for the student positions on the Senate Council, and Senate approved their election. They were chosen at a meeting of the six student Senators on March 11. Previously, Student Council had voted that Debbie Henderson and Mike Donovan should be recommended for Senate Council. However, Senators Vernon Johnson and Dan Whyte were not informed about that meeting, and Vernon Johnson was interested in serving on the Senate Council. He protested strongly the fact that the decision had been made

in his absence, and wished to have some further consideration given to the choice.

The student Senators decided that the Student Council should have a role in deciding which student Senators would be nominated for the Senate Council positions. However, they also felt that if the student Senators could agree on which two should do the extra work, then none of the others would agree to have their name placed before the Student Council.

The six Senators then decided to poll themselves on the condition that if two of them, after two votes, received three or more votes, that those two would not be opposed by the other student Senators in Senate or the Student Council. A poll was taken, and both Henderson and O'Connor exceeded the three-vote requirement while no one else equalled it.

At the Student Council meeting these events were explained, and the student Senators undertook to present some proposal for enactment as a guide for this process in the future, to avoid confusion



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The Senate was informed before the meeting that tentative suggestions for the convocations would be as follows:

- Wednesday, 16 May
8:00 p.m. Dental
- Wednesday, 16 May
2:00 p.m. King's
- Thursday, 17 May
2:00 p.m. General Convocation
- Friday, 18 May
a.m. Law
- Friday, 18 May
p.m. General Convocation
- Friday, 1 June
p.m. Medicine

The student Senators would welcome any comment on these

arrangements if any students have strong objections.

The Senate agreed to change the name of the Master of Physical Education degree to Master of Science. Students presently in the program may receive either an M.P.E. or M.Sc., at their option.

The 21-credit course leading to the B. Sc. (Engineering Physics) was accorded Honours Status. The course fulfills all the requirements of an Honours degree in the Physics department, and it was felt that its lack of Honours status was an oversight. The new status will qualify students taking the degree for the Governor-General's Award, among other

things.

A motion was passed to enable advantageous distribution of the increased revenue from the funds for the Sarah M. Lawson Prize in Botany.

On March 26 Senate Council is holding a special meeting to discuss the Tenure and Academic Appointment regulations, and the Transition Year Programme. On April 2 the Senate Council hopes to deal with the Reorganization of Graduate Studies. However, they will not discuss it until there has been a recommendation from the Faculty of Graduate Studies and other interested Faculties.

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