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Western opts for full-time VP

BY CASEY MAHOOD
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The University Students' Council passed sweeping changes Wednesday night which will make vice-presidents full-time employees, and greatly reduce the number of people sitting council.

The most drastic changes affect the USC board of directors where the VP-programming and one director at large position have been eliminated. In addition, the remaining VP's will be considered full-time employees.

The motions approved will also cut the number of councillors to 68 from 98. The reductions were made on the general consensus that council had become unwieldy and inefficient.

The changes, which passes with little opposition, will take effect at the annual general meeting in March.

The terms of employment for vice-presidents, except for VP-finance, are \$15,000—75 per cent of the president's salary—with four weeks holidays plus Christmas and Slack week off. In addition they are restricted to taking only three courses at once while holding their positions.

VP-finance, considered to have a lighter work load, will receive \$7,500—37.5 per cent of the president's salary—and the same vaca-

tion time as the other VP's. There will be no course restrictions placed on this position.

Shortchanged \$17 million?

BY TONY SMITH
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The University of Calgary may be "suffering a \$17 million shortfall on a per capita basis" in relation to the University of Alberta, according to Sheldon Chumir, Liberal MLA for the Calgary-Buffalo constituency.

On November 24th, during the Fall Session of the Legislature, Chumir asked Minister of Advanced Education Dave Russell to confirm this figure. Russell said that the full results of a study of the UofA-UofC inequity will be released during the first week of December . . .

Russell has stated that if the Dupre report (on funding inequities) revealed a funding inequity, funds would be found to make up the difference. The additional funds could prevent further cuts in programmes at the UofC.

Chumir said the figure of \$17 million came from comments made by the Minister and his assistant.

UofC President Dr. Norman Wagner said at a General Faculties Council meeting last week that the Board of Governors sent the Minister "a strong statement" in June. The statement said the University requires an additional \$8.2 million to maintain existing programmes in 1988 and '89.

Academic opportunity restricted for Northern Ontarians, according to OFS report

By STACEY BEAUCHAMP

"Tax payers in Northern Ontario are entitled to the same resources as those in the south" says Joan MacNeil, a researcher for the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS).

Her report "North-South Comparison of Post-Secondary Education in Ontario" argues that northerners are not provided with the same opportunities to higher education as southern Ontarians.

According to the report, there are many programmes for which students from Northern Ontario must go south to study. The five Community Colleges which exist in the north do not offer 282 of the total 450 diploma programmes offered in Ontario. As well, 129 of the 284 certificate programmes are unavailable in the north. The two universities in north Ontario do not teach 201 of the total 287 fields of study. Also, a Masters programme can be pursued in only 22 subject areas. This can be compared to the 204 in Southern Ontario. In addition, no Doctoral programmes are available and it is not possible to study law, medicine, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, dentistry, pharmacology, optometry, nutritional sciences, or health care administration at northern post-secondary institutions. Some programmes, said MacNeil, cannot be offered in the north due to the small population, but many would draw enough interest from students to make them worthwhile.

The costs associated with higher education for the students of northern Ontario were also examined in the report. It was discovered that tuition is around the same as in the south. Housing and food were priced

lower in the north, but transportation costs varied from one student to another. In general, the costs of living for these students was less, but other factors contributed to the overall picture. In the first place, most of the students do not have the option of living at home. Since the north is such a large area, with so few post secondary institutions, they must study in another area. Secondly, due to the long and severe winter, electricity and fuel bills are higher. The result is that students from northern Ontario have to pay more for their education than the average southern student.

There has been a programme designed to accommodate the special needs of northern students. The Northern Ontario Distance Education Access Network began this fall after its creation in October 1988. There are two centres, where the student is registered, and numerous access points. The centre is Thunder Bay includes Lakehead University and Confederation College, and the one in Sudbury includes Laurentian University and Cambrian College. The programme allows a student to be enrolled at one of these post-secondary institutions, but to study at an access point which is closer to home, thereby decreasing his costs. The report found that 60% of the funding is directed towards high

technology such as computers, tele-conference systems, facimile machines, video terminals, televisions, etc., which is designed to bring the lectures to the student. The other 40% is devoted to the development of new courses for the programme. Although it is still too early to tell, says MacNeil, it is hoped that this programme will improve the accessibility of higher education for the residents of northern Ontario.

It has also been suggested, as an alternative to the problem of accessibility to higher education, that the government fully fund students to attend institutions in southern Ontario. This, however, is not adequate, says MacNeil, since there has been a great increase in the number of mature and part-time students who are not able to move. Also, she feels that if everyone moves south to receive higher education, there would be a "drain of educated persons in the north." Presently, it is very difficult to attract people such as medical personnel and qualified staff to northern educational institutions. Furthermore, says MacNeil, post-secondary institutions "ensure a better quality of life" for those in the north. An improvement in the access to universities and colleges would improve the lifestyle of those living in northern Ontario.

ATTENTION EXCAL HACKS

The first meeting of the year will be held today at 12 noon. New writers are welcome. Drop in and pick up a story later in the day if you cannot attend.

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