Student pressure gains student representation

Consistent pressure from student bodies has forced the Board of Governors to reconstruct the presidential search committee to include equal student representa-

The committee originally passed by the Board and approved by the Senate called for three board, three senate and a vague possibility of one student. The new selection-search committee announced Tuesday consists of equal students, senators, and board mem-

The federation council and Excalibur had strongly condemned the original plan for no students on the committee, and had warned the Board no legitimate president could be appointed without responsible student participation on a search-selection committee.

In a letter to Paul Koster, president of the YSF, Mr. W.P. Scott, chairman of the Board stated that "in accordance with this provision, and with the agreement of both the Board and Senate, this Committee will be composed of three representatives of the Board, three from the Senate, and three from the student body.'

This body will be chaired in its discussions by Mr. Justice Bora Laskin, thus giving the Board of which he is a member, a majority.

Murray Ross, currently presi-

dent of York, decided earlier this year to step down, in accordance with a decision he has made personally to allow somebody else the chance to develop the university he started.

Koster's reaction to the announcement was unexpectedly

"We weren't going to accept any token representation in this. But a precedent has been achieved, accomplished by going through the proper channels."

"I'm optimistic that the Board gave this in an appreciation of the understanding of student needs, and not just as a result to threats of student revolt.'

However the reaction of Glendon's president, Bob McCaw, was a bit more surprised.

After a meeting with student leaders from both campuses called to assess the situation, he stated that he "would not go along with the present structure.

"It recognizes an illegitimate group, the administration. In the eyes of society, the President speaks for the university. As such, he should be selected by those who constitute that institution.'

McGaw countered the present committee with a proposal to set up a committee consisting of equal student-faculty membership, with a Board member as chairman.

The revision of the committee to its 3-3-3 setup resulted from a motion passed by the YSF two weeks ago. At that time, they decried the administrations' ignorance of student wishes.

The reaction of the Board chairman still must be ratified by the Board and Senate, but no problems are expected.

However McGaw's proposal to refuse to sit on the committee appears to be potentially explosive.

Should Glendon not allow their student to sit in committee discussions, it is felt that Glendon will be calling the next president illegiti-



Motion to exclude observers unanimously approved by YUFA

York's faculty association refuse to allow observers, including students to attend their meetings.

At their meeting last Thursday, it was moved by Prof. Harvey Simmons that non-members of the association (YUFA) be excluded. After a short discussion on the implications, the motion received nearunanimous support from those present.

It is thus not known if any action was decided upon.



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