

Role of GFC examined

The role of General Faculties Council, the body that makes university academic decisions, will be discussed at a special meeting Monday at 2 p.m. in University Hall.

At the meeting, GFC will discuss a report by an ad hoc committee established in 1971 to examine in particular GFC's governing function and its relationship with its committees.

For the most part, the report recommends maintaining the status quo. Of the 20 recommendations, none require changes in the Universities Act.

In effect several recommendations increase the workload and responsibilities of the executive. These include:

The executive retain its current role as a clearinghouse for GFC matters and be given the power to implement GFC policy. It would then report back to GFC on matters dealing with the implementation of such policy.

That the executive present contentious issues to council in stages. Debate would be limited in first reading, after which the matter would be tabled for further consideration by council.

That the executive play a greater advisory role in the wording of motions sent to council for debate.

Under current regulations, the executive functions included establishing the Council agenda, accepting reports and resolutions from GFC committees and making recommendations to the Council.

However, during its deliberations, the committee heard charges that the executive makes policy decisions and leaves few issues for council to debate.

The committee concluded that the executive is acting within its terms of reference, but that its role should be changed to one of research and the isolation of issues, rather than providing opinion.

"The committee realizes that this change in role of the executive committee may involve more work than this body has heretofore been called upon to assume," states the report.

The committee also noted that GFC should set up guidelines to enable the executive to take care of routine

matters and streamline the council's agenda.

To improve communications with its committees, it was recommended that they submit annual reports to GFC.

Committees mentioned in the recommendation are Academic Development, Campus Development, and University Planning.

In addition, the report suggested that all administrative departments report any proposed changes in their operating policy to council.

Other recommendations made by the committee include:

- That GFC add one representative from the Department of Extension, bringing total membership to 130 members.

- That GFC retain the present system of representation and election by faculties and schools.

- The present president continue to serve as chairman of GFC.

- The establishment of a resource library of all documents pertaining to GFC business.

The report maintained there was no need to increase representation on GFC, since on most occasions less than 60 per cent of members attend meetings.

50-50 partnership in Syncrude project

Provincial NDP leader Grant Notley has urged that the provincial and federal government become equal partners in developing the Athabasca oil sands.

It makes more sense to go into partnership with the people of Canada than with three oil companies, Notley told a forum audience Tuesday in SUB theatre.

This would ensure that the Tar Sands are developed in our national interest, he said.

"It's such a tremendous

resource and so incredibly valuable that if we were to develop the tar sands as a joint federal-provincial public venture, this operation could in time become the most powerful and largest oil company in the world."

"It could be as important to the second century of Canada as the building of the CPR was to the first," he added.

Premier Lougheed approved the billion-dollar Syncrude Canada Ltd. oil sands project Sept. 18.

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The University Debating Society is thus reviving the old Huggill Cup debates which have been dormant for the past 10 years.

Beginning in 1936, the competitions have been won by top student debaters who now range from convicted murderers to provincial cabinet ministers.

The debate will be held Friday at 6 p.m. in Room 270, SUB.

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In a recent interview with the Journal, A.D. Cairns, registrar, said that at this time 75 students take this advice every week. He said that most of these were probably first year students who found out that

university life was not for them. Cairns also stated that there were financial and personal reasons for student drop-out.

According to Cairns' predictions, about 400 students will have quit by the beginning of December. This year's dropout rate is about the same as it was last year.

Librarians ask for representation

University librarians will ask for voting membership on General Faculties Council at a special GFC meeting on Monday.

The meeting will consider a report on the role of GFC from a special ad hoc committee, which recommends against giving librarians anything more than its present non-voting membership.

That recommendation was based on the premise that, as a support group, the library staff's case is no stronger than other support groups.

In a letter to GFC, Judy

Brennan, president of the association of U of A librarians, asked that GFC alter the recommendation.

"Librarians influence, and are influenced by, the academic development of the University whenever they evaluate the Library's resources preparatory to the approval of a new course program..."

"As co-partners, in education, librarians are concerned with the creation and development of a dynamic learning environment at the University of Alberta."

Morgentaler acquitted

Dr. Henry Morgentaler has been found not guilty of performing an illegal abortion. Morgentaler, a Montreal physician and advocate of a woman's right to choose was acquitted Tuesday by a jury of eleven men and one woman. The jury deliberated for 12 hours.

Morgentaler's defense stood

on section 45 of the criminal code which gives doctors the right to do what they think is best for a patient. It usually refers to accident cases.

The jury was satisfied that the abortion performed was a medical act. Morgentaler still faces appeals and an additional 13 charges.

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