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CME proposes student aid amendments

REGINA (CUP) - The Council of Minsters' of Education (CME) announced following its closed meetings in Regina on September 9 - 10 they are requesting "immediate amendments" to the Canada Student Loans Act.

But the Council, which consists of the Education Ministers from all ten provinces, refused at a press conference following the meetings to say anything about the substance of

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the amendments being requested.

And the chairperson of the CME, BC Education Minister Eileen Dailly, in response to questions about open decisionmaking, took a hard line against student or public participation in the Council's studnent aid policy making.

At the Regina meetings, the CME received what was intended to be the final report of the

secret Federal-Provincial Task Force on Student Aid. According to a CME document however, the work of the Task Force will continue in the upcoming year, and will result in a more detailed report "in order for the Council to have a clearer understanding of the financial and social implications" of new student aid policies.

Student aid consideration will also form part of the discussion this Nevember when CME and federal ministers meet, again in closed session.

Although CME refuses to detail what the proposed student aid amentments entail. they did state that aid for parttime students and students taking "short courses" forms a part of the proposal.

It is also believed the recommendations deal with tying in student aid to other income maintenance programs such as welfare and manpower retraining schemes.

As well, sources say the report deals with the possible creation of a National Loans Commission to oversee student aid programs in Canada.

These sources also revealed that the report and recommendations of the Task Force were forwarded to Secretary of State Hugh Faulkner on August 12, prior to

the CME meeting and the provinces feel the decision for implementation new rests with the federal government.

The letter, which was sent under the signature of last year's CME chairperson Thomas Wells of Ontario, apparently stated that the provinces wanted the Students Loans Act reopened _____if necessary" to deal with the recommendations.

The CME press release, however, clearly calls for "amendments" to the Act, but whether this will happen or the changes will be pushed through as new administrative procedures is still unclear.

Alberta Education Minister Bert Hohol told the press conference it was possible to deal with the proposed charges administratively rather than by changing the legislation.

The difference in the two approaches is that if amendments to the Act are required the whole subject of student aid could be thrown open for public debate, something most federal and provincial officials appear intent on avoiding.

Jim Gray and Elspeth Guild of the University of Regina Student Union passed out releases at the press conference from the National Union of Students calling for student and public participation in student aid decision-making.

The most vocal supporter of closed decision-making, the NEW CME chairperson Eileen Dailly, said student participation was not discussed by the Council, despite repeated requests from NUS last year that students be included on the Task Force.

She argued that students should not complain about being excluded because other groups, such as teachers and trustees, were also excluded form the Task Force, which consists entirely of senior student aid officials.

They are excluded so as to expediate our national goals far better," she explained

As far as CME is concerned "it's far better for each provincial deputy minister to get feedback from their students which can then be passed on collectively to the Council of Ministers," she said.

Dailly was not able to speak for the whole CME on the possibility that the Task Force hold public hearings in preparing its report to the CME.

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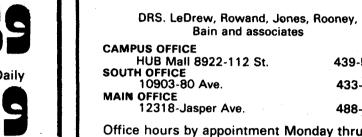
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Responding to a student question on this, Bert Hohol said that although he did not favour "active student participation" ON THE Task Force, he called public hearings where "interest groups like NUS" could state their views, "an excellent idea.'

Gordon MacMurchy of Saskatchewan said he was open to the idea", but Dailly claimed that public hearings would be "too much", adding that public hearings were not the business of the Task Force.

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