



# CUS Structure Now Regional

TORONTO (CUP)—Regionalism is in, French Canadians out, and the Canadian Union of Students has a new structure.

The 28th congress which met at York University Sept. 10-16 approved moves which observers feel will promote strong regional student organizations.

Delegates also removed the controversial "fundamental issues" section of the old constitution which required majority votes by French and English on questions of education and language.

The withdrawal of three French-Canadian universities (Sherbooke, Laval and Montreal) has made the student union English-Canadian in organization—though two French-Canadian universities outside Quebec still remain.

The union will remain bilingual, however.

Under the new setup there are four regions, (Western, Ontario, Quebec and the Maritimes) each with a representative on the board of directors.

Also on the board of directors are the president, vice-president, past-president and president elect.

The moves mark a departure from the Edmonton congress last year which attempted to keep French-Canadian cultural duality.

The Edmonton congress changed the organization's name from National Federation of Canadian University Students (which the French Canadians found objectionable); defined language and education as areas where a majority vote of both English and French was necessary and had the president and the vice-president elected by a majority of English and French members.

At that time many English-Canadian observers complained the

French had been given too sweeping powers in relation to their numbers.

The strife-torn union also amended the voting system at the congress.

Under the former system small institutions with fewer than 750 members received one vote on a sliding scale giving universities over 6,000 five votes.

The new system gives universities over 13,000 University of B.C. and the University of Toronto, seven votes.

Roger McAfee, president of UBC, complained bitterly when he pointed out that his 16,000 students had only two more votes than a 6,000 member university on the scale.

Stewart Goodings, who prefaced the report recommending the changes said he thought the union should now run more smoothly.

But he warned, "In this re-examination, serious consideration must be given to the association and co-operation on the regional level."

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