

Articulation council closer to reality

An articulation council to deal with student transfers seems much closer to reality as the provincial government and the U of A Senate have publically voiced their support of such a council.

The Senate Friday past a motion that immediate steps be taken to form an articulation council "within the spirit of the Mowatt Report."

The report, which was completed in 1971, recommended that the council provide information to institutions and public on transfer problems and practices, decide whether college programs meet university standards and evaluate the achievement of transfer students.

The motion came out of the afternoon session, during which the Senate received submissions from the students and administrators of Red Deer College on transfer procedures between the college and the U of A.

Reno Bosetti, director of college programs, department of advanced education, revealed Friday in Red Deer that the government was forming policies on student transfer. They would be submitted to post-secondary institutions Dec. 19.

Bosetti added that legislation dealing with transfers wouldn't come about until 1975, stifling rumours that such legislation could be expected in January.

Besides an articulation council, the government advocated that admission regulations be determined by GFC councils and that transferability of credit from one university to another be

ensured.

William Forbes, president, Red Deer College, said the present situation stifles innovation in programs and expends time and money at the college.

About 80 per cent of students at the college are registered in transfer or degree programs, he said.

"The University (actually the departments in the university) seems to regard the college as a 'feeder' institution, junior to the University and offering some of the University's first-and-second-year courses.

The fact that the college must obtain permission to offer transfer courses which may be given credit at university level - and seek approval of teachers for them, gives the college a feeling of subservience, said Forbes.

This assumes that courses are identical...in the university itself, two courses aren't identical."

And those students, on the average, have done as well as university students who took their first in the same program, he said.

There is no affiliation agreement with Red Deer college, so there is nothing that makes Red Deer do this, said Max Wyman, university president.

Wyman denied that the university considers Red Deer college a 'feeder' institution.

"U of A students come from 30 countries and more than 1,000 institutions," he said. "We don't care where students come from. The only concern is with the level of academic standing they have attained."

"Generally, college students do as well as our students," he added.

Use of quotas concerns faculties

The University is concerned about the use of quotas in some faculties and departments, observed MacNeil.

In some faculties where quotas exist, there is a "great deal of soul-searching going on," said Harold MacNeil, member of a Senate task force on admission requirements.

One concern of the faculties, MacNeil said, was the provincialism that might result from having to restrict students faculties to residents of Alberta.

Referring to the preference of provincial residents, MacNeil said "I think people are questioning whether this is a good thing."

The task force was established to examine the issue of quotas, which has been criticized by some members of the public for the past four months. Dept. Faculty and department heads have been questioned about the quota system.

After considerable study, the task force has concluded that they are not playing

favorites nor are the professions getting involved in setting quotas at the university.

It also found that quotas that do exist are justified by restrictions in the staff and facilities.

Professions help to determine the criteria used for judging entrance into faculties but not in administering them, MacNeil said.

He cited the dentistry faculty as an example, where facilities put restriction on the number of entrants. In 1959, the faculty could accept 48 first-year students, 14 years later it could accept only 50.

At the same time, he noted the pool of applicants has grown considerably.

Society is going to have to tell the university what to do about the use of quotas, Max Wyman, U of A president, said Friday.

"No one institution at the U of A can solve or cope with this problem," Wyman told a Red Deer meeting of the U of A Senate.

University should stay out of politics

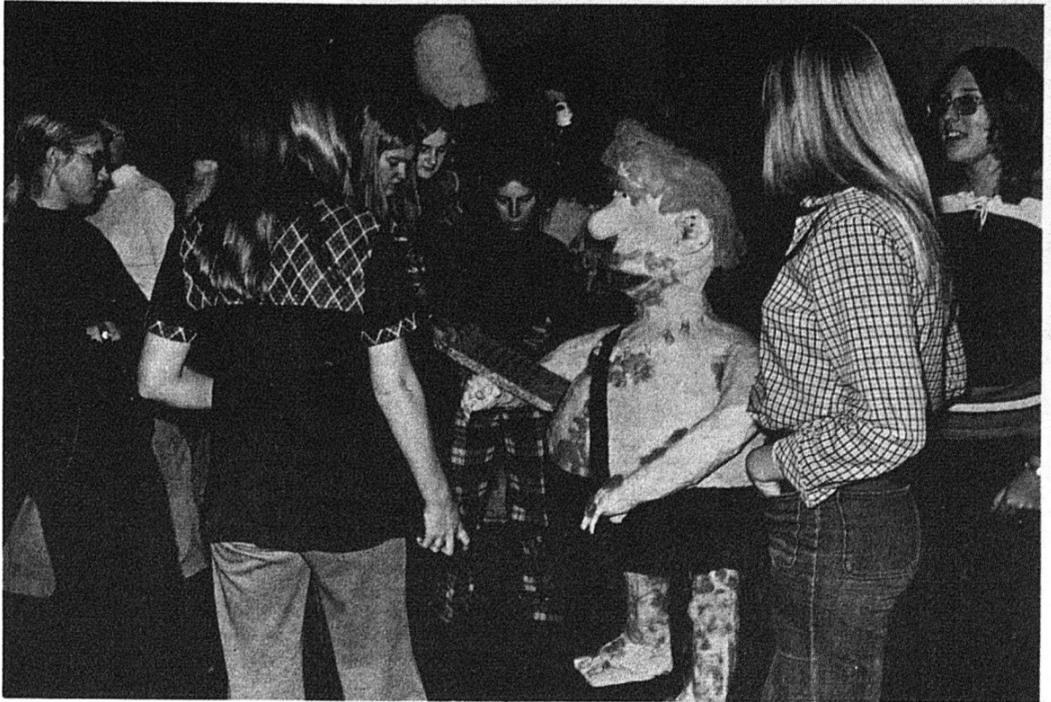
The university should not take a stand either for or against the Lougheed government on the oil tax question, Chancellor Louis Desrochers told a public meeting in Red Deer.

Gordon Higgins, a member of the University of Calgary Senate said that with the post-secondary institutions caught in a budget squeeze, they should support the province in getting a bigger share of oil tax revenue from Ottawa.

Instead of fearing government intervention in university affairs, universities should get involved in politics, Higgins suggested.

It would be unfair to take sides, Desrochers said, because universities are funded by both the federal and provincial governments and are responsible to the people of Canada.

He said universities should continue to approach both governments for more funding.



The Midnight Skulker finds a home in Lister Hall

photo by Edmund Wong

Library's future in doubt

The future of the University extension library as a major lending institution is in doubt, the University of Alberta Senate was told Friday in Red Deer.

According to a brief presented to the Senate, the library "presently lacks the adequate resources to maintain role as the major provincial lending library." In 1972, it had a province-wide circulation of 142,000 volumes.

The brief informed members about a government survey of libraries in the province, which is being conducted by L.W. Downey Associates, an Edmonton research firm. This study will be used to make recommendations for development of a provincial library system.

Duncan Campbell, director of the library, said the library is one of the most important links the university has with the public. A committee Senate has been established to review the status of the library in the context of the Alberta survey and will report back to the executive at the Senate's March 1 meeting.

Nominations for GFC committees

Nominations are being accepted for the following GFC committees: of Business Administration and Commerce, the Review Committee for the Chairman of the department of physiology, the Selection Committee for the Chairman of the Department of electrical engineering, and undergraduate student member for the Library Committee.

They should be turned in to Pat Maertz, secretary of the nominating committee, room 2-1, University Hall. The phone number is 432-4965.

Teachers honored

Four Alberta teachers have received 1973 Summer Session Students' Association Scholarships. Stephka A. Leonty, Willingdon, Adolf R. Loeffler, Sherwood Park, Jeannine C. Pitre, Falher, and Marvin W. Tkachuk, Grande Prairie, were awarded the scholarships for achieving the highest marks in their graduating year while attending the 1973 summer session at the University of Alberta.

The Governors of The University of Alberta Committee to Study Student Services

invites submissions

The Board of Governors has formed a Committee to Study Student Services on the campus.

The Committee is to study student services in the widest sense, and report back to the Board with recommendations before planning begins for the next budget year.

The members appointed to the Committee are: Dr. Eric Hanson, Professor of Economics (Chairman); Mr. Peter Savaryn, a member of the Board of Governors; Mr. George Mantor, President of the Students' Union; and Mr. Peter Flynn and Mr. Lloyd Unterschultz, alternating as representatives of the Graduate Students' Association.

The University now provides student services in the areas of academic and personal counselling, health, athletics, foreign student advising, freshman orientation, special publications, and student affairs.

The Committee is to study student services on the campus in terms of what is good for the University, and also what the University can afford.

There is no presumption by the Committee that its object is to eliminate existing programs. Some of them may be phased out as a result of the Committee's findings, but new ones may well be added.

The heads of student services on the campus are now being asked by the Committee to submit replies to a list of questions intended to establish the scope of their service.

After these replies have been received representatives of each service will be asked to meet the Committee, and discuss the questions further.

It is planned also that the Committee will arrange for a questionnaire to be circulated to a sampling of student users of these services so that their experience may be made available to the Committee.

The Committee now invites submissions and comments on student services from all parts of the University community. These services include:

1. Student Affairs; The offices of the Provost, the Dean of Men, and the Dean of Women, the Foreign Student Adviser, and the Committee on Student Affairs.
2. Student Counselling Service
3. Student Health Service
4. Athletic Programs; Intercollegiate, Intramural, and Recreational athletic programs.
5. Student Awards
6. University Ombudsman

Submissions and comments in writing should be sent to John Nicol, Secretary to the Governors, 3-3 University Hall, as soon as possible.

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