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policy makers?

B of G role questioned

The role of the Board of Governors as a policy-making body was brought into question by new members of the board at their first meeting Friday.

B.M. Barker, associate professor of law representing the academic staff, and Gerry Riskin, SU president and representative, raised the issue in a number of contexts during the board's deliberations.

"Policy can be made in drips and drops by servants of the university," Barker protested at one point when fellow board members showed reluctance to establish a policy on the university's participation in the Commonwealth games.



B of G Chairman, F. T. Jenner

"We're not going to be able to hash out a policy if we stay here all morning," Board chairman F.T. Jenner replied.

Earlier in the meeting Jenner had discouraged a similar discussion of policy issues by saying "that's what the community always criticizes us for--always arguing and never taking action."

Most of the board's action Friday was taken behind closed doors.

Matters considered during the "confidential" part of the meeting included grad student salary negotiation procedures, amendments to the Universities act, the campus security force and reports of the executive, finance, investment and building committees.

GSA president Mahomed Ali Adam moved that the grad student ID card issue, previously placed on the confidential agenda, be considered in public session.

Despite objections from board member at large Dora McCulloch that it was a "childish sort of matter to be brought to the Board of Governors", the board decided to ask for a report on the controversy from the university administration before deciding whether or not to refer the matter back to the GFC.

After the meeting, student representative Frans Slatter reported that the grad student salary negotiation issue dealt with a recommendation from the GFC that the GSA "be recognized as the representative of the graduate students...in all matters relating to payment for services rendered by graduate students..."

According to Slatter, the board resolved to establish a special committee to consider the matter, negotiations taking the same format as had previous negotiations for the recognition of the Academic Staff Association.

A policy decision was again sought by Slatter in the board's consideration of revised procedures for the approval of new programmes and departments. The proposal had been forwarded to the board by GFC.

The student rep objected that the proposed procedures have "no mechanism to re-evaluate courses and programmes."

The proposal "assumes that any programme we have now is better than any project which could be conceived," Slatter argued.

The board approved the GFC recommendation with no provision for re-evaluation of existing programmes. Slatter, Riskin, Barker and dean of arts R.G. Baldwin cast the only dissenting votes.

The board also approved with little discussion the appointment of a classification appeals board for the non-academic staff, the extension of an agreement with the federal government to train nurses for northern duty, and the extension of existing agreements with local hospitals regarding registered nursing programmes. tj

"Insofar as women are concerned, there are many occasions whereby a woman would not get into trouble if she kept her knees together!"

That was Marcel Lambert's (conservative, Edmonton West) reply to a question concerning the party's stand on the position of women in Canada during Thursday's Political Forum.

This forum included six candidates in the upcoming federal election, three representing Edmonton West: Marcel Lambert, incumbent Progressive Conservative; Mel Hurtig, Liberal and John Packer, New Democrat; and three representing Strathcona: William Pelech, Social Credit; Liz Rowley, Communist Party of Canada; and Peggy Morton, Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist). The Forum opened, following introduction of candidates by chairman Gerry Riskin, with four minutes of introductory comments allowed each candidate.

John Packer's remarks were directed entirely at the failure of the Trudeau government to deal adequately with unemployment and inflation. Yet, although he stated that "NDP has a programme to deal with the disastrous economic situation that we are confronted with in Canada today," he did not enlarge upon his statement as to what this programme involves.

Mel Hurtig opened his comments with, "If I thought that the government had been doing a great job during the last four years, I sure as heck wouldn't be up here running for parliament." He stated, also, that he is running a full disclosure campaign and added "Don't ever vote for anyone who won't open their books to the public because you might find you're voting for a company that wants to escape pollution laws." Hurtig also challenged Lambert to disclose the sources of his campaign, upon which it was disclosed that Lambert was the only candidate to have publicly published a record of his expenditures and budget.

Marcel Lambert stated his position very clearly: "I am not standing at some distance as a quayside independent; I also support the leadership of my party and don't stand off like several of the Liberal candidates in this province." In regards to a statement made by Packer

candidates quizzed at forum

regarding David Lewis' stand on corporation tax, Lambert stated that "I am rather amazed to hear Dr. Packer come up with some of the things that David Lewis has been spouting off with as of late. After all, we did go through with a three months' debate on the bill and, strangely enough, David Lewis was more than decided upon the methods they now have seen and have suddenly discovered...which, incidently, are backed by those individuals who own private property."

Liz Rowley stated exactly how the Communist Party of Canada intends to cope with unemployment: "The most important part of our program is to pay employment which

would involve the people now unemployed and would include a 32-hour work week with a three dollar per hour minimum wage."

Bill Pelech stated that the Social Credit Party offered an alternative to "an economy which goes through corporations, financial institutions, and stock market." He continued, "Social Credit says that the new running of the economy can be handled by way of the individual." At the same time he also stated that "However, a lot of research has to be done, and, running a very poor man's campaign, we have hardly any money."

Peggy Morton's introductory comments may be summed up by her statement: "The only way to change the situation in Canada is for the people themselves to take power into their own hands. The people themselves should rise up, overthrow the monopoly governing class and build the people's republic of Canada."

There were six major questions asked of the candidates concerning education, homosexuality, foreign adjustment policy, the position of women in Canada, abortion laws and campaign finance.

The next Political Forum will be held in Dinwoodie Lounge on October 18.