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constituency. You underestimate yourselves."

Although Foster warned in his opening remarks that "we can debate it if you wish, but the reorganization of the department is a fact — or soon will be," questioners persisted in criticising the plan.

Under the reorganization, the universities commission will be replaced by an advisory committee on University affairs. Foster was adamant that the committee "will not have executive power — the final say."

When questioned on the withholding of executive power from the body by chairman of linguistics, C. I. J. M. Stuart, the minister replied that while he would recognize the need to involve people, the time comes when a decision has to be taken. "Someone's got to say 'aye', 'nay' or 'maybe'."

He maintained that the Universities commission had not functioned well because "when a university did not like a decision, it sought routes to change that decision."

While 'final say' will now be in the hands of the government, Foster said, if it is not willing to accept the committee's advice, "we'd better be prepared to answer why."

Foster also tried to placate

foreign students

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become no more than job finders for others.

"Every job that we are likely to be given for the summer will undoubtedly be unskilled, which means Canadians will always be available and able to do the job."

It was pointed out that Bryce Mackasey, former Manpower minister, admitted that the government had deliberately allowed unemployment to rise to counteract inflation. This new policy, brought in "because unemployment is so high and Canadians must be protected", is obviously a smoke screen to divert public attention from the government's own ridiculous policies, the speaker said.

The mood of the meeting became quite angry toward the end simply because as one student put it, "If there was a real employment problem facing Canadians, we would be understanding and in agreement with the policies. However, there is an artificially created problem, and Canadians are suffering and we, more so."

Luckily, for the majority of overseas students, many visas were approved in September for a 12 month period so that hundreds have jobs to go to. But a number that did not arrange jobs, or those whose jobs are cancelled will face a bleak and hungry summer.

But next year, every foreigner will be affected by the new regulations.

election challenges

This year, the SU elections have already suffered one postponement and one candidacy challenge.

On Thursday, the Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement (D.I.E.) Board will consider the validity of four more complaints which could invalidate the whole election.

Of the four, one complains about campaign material still out on election day, two question the right of the *Gateway*, to leave papers on the stands during the election and one deals with the preferential ballots, spoiled ballots and so on.

D.I.E. Board chairman Thomas Matkin, predicted yesterday that, because of the time of year, "we may not even be able to get a quorum. If that happens he will speak to SU president George Mantor "about getting someone to help out."

Initially, D.I.E. Board will merely decide if the complaints themselves satisfy the By-laws. All protests must have been received by the Friday following the election to be considered; they must also be in a specified form.

One of the complaints is printed on **forum five**.

opposition to the plan by reminding his audience that the function of most university bodies is written into the universities act, and "there can be no changes in that save by the legislative tool."

The only questions directed to university president, Max Wyman, also invited to address the association, dealt with university financing. In his speech, Wyman stressed the budgetary "plus factor" which is now being negotiated with the provincial government.

Funds allocated on a per-student basis should not only increase to account for inflation, but should include a "plus factor" which would allow for the introduction of new programmes or upgrading of existing ones, Wyman argued.

He said universities in Ontario are being "driven to the brink of bankruptcy" and said the university asks that similar policies not be considered for adoption "per se" by government.

"There is no area where this amount of money can have so important an effect on society."

M. V. Dimic, Chairman of Comparative literature, asked both Wyman and Foster about the budgetary prospects for the 1974-75 term, and whether cuts, if under consideration were

"necessary, unavoidable or good for the people of Alberta."

Avoiding the latter question, Foster replied that the university "should not expect a percentage increase next year as large as this year's," of 9.3 per cent.

A "less crude method of budgeting" was suggested by Nick Wickenden,

ESA ...in limbo

A Thursday evening meeting of the Education Students Association saw the dissolution of the existing society and the rewriting of the constitution to replace the existing one.

When a grant total of seventeen people appeared at a general meeting for all education students, the apparent disinterest triggered a re-examination of the ESA and its usefulness.

According to the general consensus of the members, the ESA is "hanging in limbo." The meeting was called to form a new association and also to elect new representatives of the faculty for various university boards.

The newly elected president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer of the ESA won their offices by acclamation.

When asked to comment on the apparent apathy, that left at three positions with no nominations, Garry

associate professor of history. Formula financing based only on the level of enrolment does not take into account ongoing commitments such as the library and the physical plant, he argued.

"Libraries should reflect the state of knowledge of the world," Wickenden maintained, "not the level of enrolment."

Chmara, former president of the ESA, said, "Naturally, I am very disappointed, but I am not too surprised. The main difficulty is in getting people involved in student and U of A government."

"We gave adequate publicity for all positions," he continued, "A lot of people don't want to get involved, don't want to be identified with Education. They don't see any importance in being attached to faculty organizations."

The new ESA that is being formed will try to cope with these problems, try to become more involved, and more meaningful to Ed students. The newly elected ESA officers include president, Wayne Koterenchuk, vice-president, Glen Cleveland, and Secretary-Treasurer, John Jensen. **jk**

students form protest ctee.

Approximately fifty foreign and Canadian students met Thursday night to discuss protest measures against new regulations restricting foreign students from obtaining summer work.

The main results of the meeting was the founding of the U of A Committee for Student Visa-Holders, which will supervise all subsequent action taken against the regulations.

Thursday's meeting followed a campus visit of two immigration officers who had informed students about the new regulations on Wednesday night. As an immediate protest, students had decided to collect signatures and petition and a telegram to Ottawa urging "the Canadian government to reconsider the new regulations".

new crowns for old

stormy passage for SU budget

Monday's final meeting of this year's council ended, as it began, turbulent! New President, George Mantor, in his address to the new council, summed up the meeting by asking "Do not take that meeting seriously. There was nothing to be serious about."

Unfortunately, a few items did need serious attention, and it was these that caused most steam. Garry West produced a break-even budget for 1973-74 which, before it was passed, caused most shouting and abuse.

The main receiver of derogatory comments was Beth Kuhnke, who was not allowed to forget her defeat in the S.U. elections by the jubilant victors. She tried to ensure that the concept of a photo telephone directory be supported and was defeated on what appeared more of a personality contest than an assessment of the facts.

Mantor quipped, "I can't understand why you are bringing these things up now Beth. Last week you were defeated and we won! So why the hassle?" And referring to her Indian headband, "I can see you've done a lot of work by your sweat-band but why don't you leave it to us."

The decision will be reviewed by the new council.

Her other proposal, one which has far more serious consequences, was also beaten down. Kuhnke tried to have council set up a committee that would handle the problems of foreign students on campus.

During yet another personality battle, Gerry Riskin interrupted to claim that the motion be scrapped as it is not clear that the foreign students

On Thursday, students approved these measures and expressed hopes that everyone would sign the petition. Proposals to extend the campaign included speaking in classes, holding a demonstration and working through the media.

Ex SU vice-president services, Beth Kuhnke, urged that foreign students should attend the reset Student Council meeting and ask for support from the council.

A small controversy arose about whether or not Canadian students should be allowed to participate in the protest movement. One student distanced himself from the Young Socialists and accused them of exploiting the foreign students' cause.

Larry Panych, organizer of Edmonton's Young Socialists, replied that "the foreign students must stand on their own feet" and that the Y.S. could only offer their help.

It was finally agreed that support of Canadian students would be welcome. The newly founded U of A Committee, however, consists only of foreign students. Shiu-Heing Luk was elected coordinator of the new committee.

Foreign student advisor Neil Henry urged that all foreign students to fill out questionnaires which try to determine the impact of the new regulations on foreign students. Students who have not filled out a questionnaire yet can obtain one from Henry's office — University Hall 2-5.

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really wish such representation. He thought that if a deputation of foreign students appeared, council should consider it then. Kuhnke, aided by Law rep Norm Conrad, quickly rapped Riskin's knuckles for a contradiction of council's decision on foreign students at the previous meeting.

"We told them we didn't want them on council then as we represent them adequately now."

However, the motion was defeated and foreign students will have to see their representatives if they wish S.U.

Foster opposes fee hike

Minister of Advanced Education Jim Foster, Thursday rejected increases in student fees "if all that means is more and more students have to borrow more and more money."

The answer came in response to a question from associate professor of mathematics, H. I. Freedman, who decried the fact that academic staff salary settlements for the past two years have been limited to cost of living increases while student fees have remained unchanged.

He charged that the academic staff was being asked to "subsidize the education of students in the province."

Foster, not knowing that students or press were in the audience at the traditionally closed meeting of the academic staff association, nevertheless came out strongly against fee increases under the present system of student financing.

"I'm not anxious to change the

support in their bargaining.

The last request was to have *Gateway* publish the names of councillors who do not show up to council meetings. This passed, and so you may see next terms if any of your representatives are doing a "Hu Harries".

The new council met merely to orient itself and agreed to meet in two weeks. Mantor pledged a year of fun, but a year of action. His executive intends to bring dignity and student interests back to council, he said.

structure or level of student fees until we have a reasonably good system of student financing. Many may be kept away from university by lack of funds," the minister said.

"I'm just not prepared to move on this question."

GFC reps

Only 150 Arts students cast ballots to choose their GFC reps for 1973-74. Elected were Dennis Crockett (132), Gary Draper (131), Denise Guichon (117), Garry Harris (116), Jim Tanner (111) and Rene Ozorio (110). Draper and Guichon are returning for a second year on GFC.

The last issue of the *Gateway* for this year, the April 5th edition, will introduce all the GFC reps who have been elected in the past couple of weeks.