

Research at U

Establishment of a university research committee received support of the general faculties council executive Monday.

With the backing of the executive, the proposal must be sent forward to GFC, which had supported it in principle Mar. 26, for final approval.

The committee, will have four members appointed by the university, four others selected jointly by the city administration and city council.

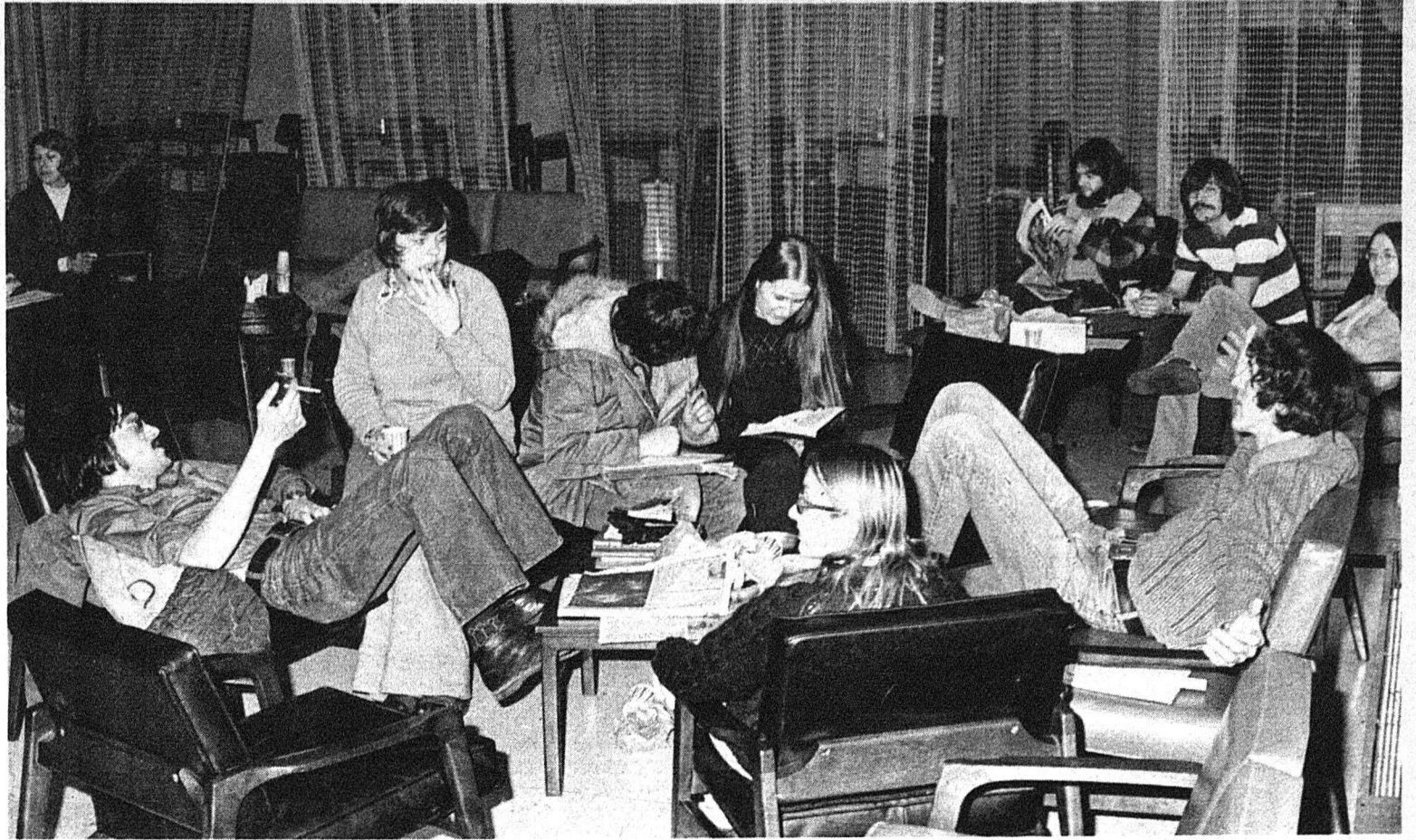
Objectives of the committee include:

- To assess the scope of assistance that would be beneficial to both the university and the city.

- To collect existing research on municipal systems and make it more accessible to decision-makers and researchers.

- To suggest areas of research on municipal systems, such as fire protection, housing services, police protection, land use controls, and economic development.

City council asked the university to consider such a body at a regular council meeting held on Dec. 11, 1972.



Students relax in College St. Jean lounge area.

reader comment

Collections

A report dealing with historical collections has been greeted with mixed feelings by faculties at the University of Alberta.

Sent to faculties for comment the report urged the university to find adequate storage space - preferably a museum - for the collections and hire a director to look after them.

Several faculties, in light of current budget restrictions on university spending, felt that collections are not top priority.

They also opposed the establishment of a university museum, although that move wasn't outlined in the collections' report.

Other faculties applauded the recommendations of the report and urged its acceptance by GFC later this month.

Theoretically College Universitaire St. Jean is the official bilingual faculty of the U of A.

However, as one wanders through the hallways all you hear is English. The atmosphere is quite dead.

The students are quite nonchalant and they communicate in a world of their own.

The only place where there is a little activity is the student lounge; nevertheless you can only catch the students when they have substantial breaks.

It is rare to hear French, and when you do hear some spoken it is quite ear-wrecking.

You turn around and you notice that the few who are speaking French are French-Canadians and there is not one English speaking person among them.

A minor survey was done asking students from last year why they had gone to college, and then left after one year.

Just about every student questioned had the same answer: French courses were offered and supposedly the student professor ratio was that of almost one to one. But just about everyone was dragged from deception to deception.

The quality of the French courses was questionable, the student union was a real mess, and teachers were hard to reach after class hours. And of course it was quite difficult to keep up with the schedule travelling to and from campus.

Students in science and in education did not have enough courses to choose from which explains their migration to the main

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campus this year, as the college is comprised of a majority of students in arts.

One major problem which arose last year and still remains was the inadequate and incompetent counselling provided by the college staff in the educational guidance and choice of courses.

Students found themselves stranded with either too little or too many courses and often wrong courses were proposed to them.

Student socials were quite restrained as the administration overlooked student demands and rented out or plainly gave out recreational space to such groups as the French-Canadian Association of Alberta, of which the dean of College St. Jean is the president, the Cinema Club (Toutimage) - a government subsidized organization - and the Alliance Francaise.

As the College Universitaire grows in age and experience it still remains a remnant of what used to be a high school.

It is taking far too much time to adapt itself to a university standard. Students who go there and cannot cope academically with the situation can still succeed by being friendly with the administration and a few teachers.

All in all the students are still overwhelmingly apathetic to change, and French climate is a real farce and life is rather ordinary.

But if you want vast hallways of emptiness and if you like meeting people college is the place.

Moreover you get a beautiful gift (a few hundred dollars for taking French courses) from the government which I'm sure has greatly influenced the decision of many students.

Marc Piamier

Committee nominations

Nominations for several general faculties council committees, including disciplinary tribunals, are now being accepted in room 2-1, University Hall.

To accommodate a new policy that students judge their peers on disciplinary matters, tribunals were established to hear and determine charges made against students.

These tribunals consist of three members, two students and one staff member. In addition, the committee which selects Impanelling Boards, which select tribunal members, are also up for grabs.

Other GFC committees seeking members include: An

academic staff member for the Campus Law Review Committee, one student member for the Admission Requirements Committee, one member to serve on the Selection Committee to choose a chairman for the department of soil science and another to select a chairman of the department of food science.

In addition, nominations to replace those GFC members whose term of office expires in May and June and for those who will be on sabbatical leave from July 1 to June 30, 1975, have also been opened.

General faculties council and its committees make academic decisions.

For those wishing to improve their spoken and written English

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