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Reject board offer

COSSU asks parity on USCUG search into York's gov't

Based on the University of Toronto's precedent, the senate's Committee on Organization and the Structure of Senate and the University has unanimously proposed student-faculty parity on the 11 member University Study Committee on University Governance.

At the Tuesday meeting, COSSU rejected the board of governor's offer that only one student and four faculty members sit on the joint senate-board committee to study university governing.

Three students and three faculty representatives would sit with president David Slater, three board members and a non-academic representative to hammer out revisions to the York University Act of 1965.

Although COSSU endorsed its subcommittee's findings, COSSU chairman, Howard Adelman, does not expect to report to senate until negotiations have been finalized with the board.

Its subcommittee which met 16 times last year (once with a board committee) recommended a university-wide committee to look into the whole sphere of governing at York. The USCUG would also investigate:

- the public representation of York's governing and its "internal and external accountability;"

- where the interests of the public and York can best be integrated in the university's planning;

- external communications with "changing responsibilities to the local, provincial, national and international communities;"

- the relationships between York and its various external constituencies;

- York's impact on the Department of University Affairs, the Council of Ontario Universities, formula financing and the changing role of the board and senate;

- the establishing of a permanent analysis group "to monitor the effectiveness of the communications network and the decision making structure."

The COSSU subcommittee also felt that USCUG should be provided with "adequate administrative staff and full and part-time research assistance" to study other educational institutions.

For the proposed USCUG the Council of York Student Federation would appoint two of the student representatives while the other would be a student senator. The faculty would have two senators and a representative from the York University Faculty Association. The board would choose two representatives to sit with board chairman Robert MacIntosh. A non-academic representative would be chosen by the maintenance restaurant, secretarial and library personnel.

The board proposed a committee of three faculty senators plus one representative from the York University Faculty Association with one student from CYSF to sit with three board members; two ex officio members, MacIntosh and Slater; and a representative of the York University Staff Association.

Because YUSA does not represent all non-academic personnel, "What authority do we have to recognize only YUSA?" COSSU member professor Lee Lorch asked.

Fearing too much publicity in the York Act's revision, professor Don Jackson said USCUG should be very careful of public opinion since people would applaud "any government which steps down on a university."



Photo by TIM CLARK

At the national conference in Edmonton this week CUPE is focusing on the need to give its women members an equal voice in union affairs. Nicolino Salvatore, a cleaner at York for two years is in agreement. Negotiations between the university and CUPE are now slated to begin Oct. 4.

Democratization work to continue at York

As if to emphasize the fact it's not about to disappear, the senate's Committee of Organization and Structure of Senate and the University resolved to continue its work "on immediate steps to further democratize structures and procedures within the university."

Professor Lee Lorch said the methods of selecting a faculty chairman "varied so damn much" there was "room for a great deal of improvement without rewriting the act (The York University Act of 1965)."

Lorch felt that in many cases, "search committees get the possibilities and high authorities decide."

Co-chairman, Howard Adelman said a more concrete example was the passing of faculty budgets where the terms of authority are with the deans who are not responsible to any elected committee.

Lorch felt "we're drifting in an awkward direction...where important precedents — not all of them good — are being set."

Fletcher will seek parity on senate and all committees

The Council of York Student Federation president, Mike Fletcher said Tuesday that he is demanding student parity on senate and its committees.

In a statement, he said the senate must decide whether academic status will solve the present college system's weak links. "Students must play a majority role in this discussion particularly since it is they and not the originators of the college system who are most aware of its downfalls," he said.

He felt that student inaction was not only the fault of the college councils and the college system but also with the faculty and administration.

He said that for the last two years at least, "too many people at York, both faculty and students have been trying to live on a legend instead of trying to change it."

Gaito thankful for U.S. grants

Psychology professor John Gaito said last Tuesday that "We should be thankful to get grants outside the country."

Gaito, an American, asked "What difference does it make who we do it for so long as we can do the research we want to do?"

He said that his program suffered a big blow when the U.S. navy stopped its support of psychological research at York last September due to budget cutbacks.

Gaito received about \$66,474 from the U.S. navy over a four-year period. His research dealt with man's gene products and his behavior.

"I don't see why you (Excalibur) or anyone else should get upset over military research...the stuff we're doing — there's no secret about," he said.

"I believe people should do the research they so desire. When you start restricting research, you start impinging on individual liberties and academic liberties," he said.

He felt York's research in

psychology was now at a very low level because the Canadian government had not given money to make up the difference. Gaito said he wished the U.S. navy would have continued the grants and said "If it were not for the U.S. navy, several here would not have been able to have done research."

From 1967-70, York received \$154,903 in grants from the U.S. military and \$344,257 from the

Canadian defense establishment. York president David Slater has not released figures for 1971 to include in his annual report. Assistant vice president and comptroller, Ken Clements said they would be ready in a week.

York has received over \$7.22 million dollars in research funds over the four-year period. It got \$2.9 million in 1970; \$2.3 in 1969; \$1.18 in 1968; and \$.885 in 1967.

Simon Fraser censured

BURNABY (CUP) — Another black mark has entered the record of Simon Fraser University.

An academic association has again censured SFU, this time the American Sociological Association at its annual conference in Denver, Colorado earlier this month.

This is another blow against SFU president Kenneth Strand. It follows recent censures imposed by the Canadian Association of University Teachers, the Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association and the Canadian Political Science Association.

The censures result from the board of governors handling of the 1969 strike of the political science, sociology and anthropology department, the subsequent suspension of eight faculty members and their appeals against dismissal.