

SOCIAL RESEARCH COUNCIL: MINUTES. (Unapproved: 9/6/61)

A meeting of the Social Research Council was held in the Faculty Room, Arts Building, Monday, June 8th at 11.30 a.m. Present: The Principal (Chairman), Prof. Clarke, Dean Corbett, Dr. Fleming, Dr. Kellogg, Dean MacKay, Dr. Pedley, Prof. Stanley, Mr. A.B. Wood, and Mr. Marsh (Director).

1. Minutes of last meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Council were read, and approved.

2. Departmental research projects 1931-2: programme.

The Council was then asked to consider the programme which was drawn up following the meeting of the Executive Committee (May 21st), and circulated in advance.

Dean Corbett further explained the separation of "primary" and "secondary" studies in the case of each Department. The latter might be pursued if considered desirable in relation to the primary projects, and if funds were available: or they might provide for a student better qualified for the secondary field of work.

The research programme as indicated in the summary circulated, on being put to the Council, was found to meet with general approval.

Dean Corbett asked what in general was to be the scope of the Council's sanction. While the Council must of course be kept informed, could it be taken that so far as the details of projects were concerned, the sanction of the Executive Committee was all that was required? It was agreed that technical matters and the details of particular projects were best handled by the Committee; but that it was also important that sufficient information should be available to Council members to ensure their being familiar with, and interested in, what was being done. One function special to the Council was to consider the annual programme, presented in a manner similar to that which was at present being followed. It should also meet at least once a term. The Principal suggested that the Council might draw these matters together and agree upon rules to govern its own procedure in a meeting next term.

Dr. Fleming suggested that it was important that departments interested (including the Medical departments) should be kept informed of the progress of the projects at present proposed. The Director expressed his intention of ensuring this by personal contacts with the representatives of departments concerned. The value of the Executive Committee as another means to this end was also pointed out. Dean Corbett suggested that the presence of Dr. Fleming on the Committee would be desirable as the medical representative nearer than Dr. Beattie to the fields being surveyed in the ensuing year. It was agreed that the Executive Committee for the coming year should be constituted as follows: