

'Animal Show' Meetings Hassel for Council

by Peter Clarke
Student Council Meeting
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The meeting was scheduled to start at seven p.m. at around 7:30 a quorum was reached and the first regular session of council was soon underway.

The minutes were of the previous summer council meeting were accepted with minor corrections and council's attention moved on to consideration of Communications received. Dan O'Connor, President, indicated a letter had been received from the University of British Columbia Students Council protesting the National Union of Students failure to press the Federal Government on tax deductions for Students. O'Connor went on to explain that it had been approved at a N.U.S. conference last year that such pressure should be applied. The U.B.C. people were now claiming that N.U.S. had not forced their lobbying power hard enough and had eased off too early. Vice-president Lorne Richardson added that the proposed tax deductions were to be given for union fees, books and materials. He noted that there was to be another N.U.S. conference in Saskatoon in October, and delegates could then urge the association to

renew their pressure on the Government in Ottawa. Council then moved on to a report from the Executive regarding decisions approved at their last meeting.

Dan O'Connor gave information regarding an amendment to the terms of reference for the Director of Entertainment. The amendment was to drop the student status requirement for the position as the present Director Vic Goldman was not a student. Chris Hart (science) pointed out that the original advertising for applicants had required student status. He felt that those requirements had excluded a lot of people who never bothered applying. He thought it would be unfair to change it now.

The President explained that at the time the applicant (Victor Goldman) had been planning to take courses but the executive now felt the job was big enough that he shouldn't be forced to. Both Martin Ware Graduate Studies and Phil Hicks (Science) questioned the wisdom of the executive decision. Others on Council agreed with them.

Barry Ward indicated that if Council wished the executive decision to be reconsidered, then they should submit a motion to that effect to the next meeting of the

executive. The general consensus was that the executive would take a second look at the amendment.

Moving on the President informed council that Frank Baker (member at large) was no longer attending Dalhousie and applications would soon be called for his seat, as well, applications would shortly be opened for positions on various committees.

New Business: the next item on the agenda was a touchy one, the date location and frequency of future Council meetings. Council had previously made a policy of holding meetings on all parts of the campus, not just in the SUB council chambers, however this had proved to be of little value and besides an inconvenience. Members seemed to want to renege without looking to selfish. No motion was forthcoming so the meeting dissolved into committee of the whole to informally discuss the matter.

The Vice-president, Lorne Richardson, who is responsible for internal affairs and particularly relations with the Carleton campus said he would like to see at least some meetings of the present council held in other places than the Student Union Building council chambers.

Chris Hart (science) suggested that only the odd

council meeting be held outside the council chambers and encouraged the executive to move their meeting more frequently. Hart seemed to feel it would be easier for the executive to move around as they are a smaller group, their meetings are held on a regular basis and in a more informal atmosphere than those of the council. Tom Clanane pointed out the inconvenience of long meetings in areas where the lighting was poor, no tables were provided, or where food and beverages were not available. Barry Ward (treasurer) re-



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called past meetings held outside of the council chambers and characterized them as "animal shows". Several members agreed that if the areas were researched properly and the requirements arranged well in advance that possibly the difficulties would be eased.

Andy Foster (science) was the only member that spoke strongly on behalf of regular scheduled outside meetings. He noted that outside meetings had been one of the promises in the O'Connor platform and he felt it had been welcomed by the Student body. Foster thought that council was under an obligation to meet in areas other than just the S.U.B.

The tide was certainly turning against holding outside meetings but it took Warren Meek (Pharmacy) to come up with a solution that would keep all parties happy. Warren proposed that the council keep its regular time and place of meetings, but if a major issue was before council, that affected another area of campus, then the council should meet in that area of campus. This seemed agreeable to all concerned. A vote was taken and the motion was overwhelmingly passed.

Next came a motion regarding formation of new Arts and Science societies. The motion proposed that the Arts and Science representatives on council prepare a proposal for the renewal of these societies and report back to Council by October 1, 1974.

President O'Connor addressed the motion advising that action be taken immediately as this was just a

first step to fill a vast need. Mark Crossman (science) spoke in favor of the motion noting that there still existed Bank Accounts for these two societies and the money should be put to good use. The question was called and was approved unanimously.

The council then approached the motion "to adopt and sanction all motions and resolution of the 1974 Summer Council". This is to allow the full council to have a look at what Summer Council (that portion of the full council who are available for meeting during the summer) has approved and to amend the motions if they wish. As part of the Summer Councils work was to pass the years budget, considerable time is required to review it. The budget was handed out and O'Connor moved that debate and voting on the motion and any proposed amendments were tabled until after October 5th. This was to allow council some time to consider all that was passed by Summer Council. The motion to table was approved unanimously.

Next O'Connor presented an Employment policy a proposal on Candidates financial disclosure and moved that it be referred to The Constitution Committee for rewording and presentation back to council. The motion was approved.

Council then, took the opportunity to make a few appointments. Nominations were opened for Chairman of the as yet non-existent SUB Foods Services Committee. Peter Costwell and Chris Hart was nominated a vote was taken and Peter Costwell was declared the winner. O'Connor informed council about the pending construction of the Graduate Studies facility. (see story this issue) and indicated that a representative from the student union was required to sit on buildings Board of Management. Martin Ware (Graduate Studies) told council that the Grad. Students Society preferred the student union representative to be an undergraduate as there were already reps from Graduate Studies on the Board. Phil Hicks (science) was appointed by council.

The last business the council took care of was the appointment of delegates to the Atlantic Student Unions conference at U.N.B. four nominations were made Dan O'Connor, Ron McCabe (chairman), Chris Hart (Science) and Andy Foster (Science). After some quick discussions on the cost of sending delegates it was decided that all four would attend the conference. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. The next Council Meeting will be held on Sept. 29, at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers.

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