

Universities want new funding methods

OTTAWA (CUP) - Canadian universities find themselves in the paradoxical position of wanting a full re-examination of and change in the methods of university funding while hoping major changes will not be made in the one setting where, at present, such decisions can be made.

According to the first draft of the universities brief to the federal and provincial governments discussed October 27-30 by the Board of Directors of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC), universities see "inherent difficulties" in the existing funding system.

But they do not want any attempt made to correct these

difficulties when the provinces and the federal government meet next year to renegotiate the Fiscal Arrangements Act, claiming that the setting is not right.

Under the terms of this act which is due to expire in 1977, the federal government annually transfers to each province an unconditional grant equal to 50 percent of the operating expenditures on post-secondary education made by that province.

According to the AUCC draft brief, the unconditional nature of these grants has led to "a provincialization of universities to such an extent that

there is little assurance that national objectives will receive attention."

The brief argues that the grants have resulted in the development of ten separate university systems with insufficient diversity, and insufficient concentration of resources to produce "true centres of excellence."

"Using ten provincial frames of reference for university specialisation may mean total neglect of some fields; proliferation in others. Institutional diversity is curtailed; excellence may be unattainable" it states.

The universities do not

want these problems tackled during the FAA renegotiations because according to the brief the primary actors at these talks will be finance ministers who "cannot negotiate university funding except in the framework of federal-provincial funding."

"University priorities will undoubtedly receive consideration" the brief states "but can hardly be the chief determinant of a policy that must satisfy the crucial test of tax sharing."

Instead the brief calls for the devising of a new funding system "as part of a coherent country-wide policy for university development worked in a

forum in which (universities) are full-time participants"

At present, according to the brief, no vehicle exists by which universities can collectively address all the provinces or the federal government on the national level.

Whether governments will agree to wait for and participate in the proposed forum, however, will not be known until early next year when AUCC is presented.

A spokesperson for AUCC said the draft brief will likely go through several more redrafts before being released sometime this coming December or January.

Public hearings into U of A Management Advisory Inst.

A public hearing into the establishment of a Management Advisory Institute at the U of A will be conducted on November 13.

The Management Advisory Institute, which was created in June, 1975 by an agreement between the university and the federal government department of industry, trade and commerce, is opposed by some private consultants who contend that the institute will provide competition for their firms.

However, among the articles of incorporation is the stipulation that the institute assist and support the private consulting industry but not compete with it. It was stated that the needs of small and medium-sized businesses would be given priority over those of larger corporations.

The institute's goals are to disseminate and share current knowledge with the wider management community, to develop the management consulting industry's capability to serve Alberta business firms and to serve in a consulting capacity on specific direct assignments.

A Senate committee, made up of Ron Dalby, chancellor of the university; Mrs. Jean Forest, chairman of the Edmonton separate school board; D.E. Lewis, a Calgary lawyer; and Hal Spelliscy, and Edmonton businessman, has spent the intervening months studying proposals submitted by representatives of both private and public consulting firms.

The hearing, with Mr. Lewis as chairman, will listen to a presentation of general university policy on consulting by Dr. H.E. Gunning, president of the university, Dr. E.J. Chambers, dean of the university's faculty of business administration and commerce will detail the

faculty's position regarding its administration of the institute and presentations will be made by those who have made submissions and who wish to amend or elaborate their submissions.

Time has been reserved for interested parties to make brief representations and for faculty representatives to reply to questions raised during the hearing.

The hearing is scheduled for the Jasper Room of the Macdonald Hotel at 2 p.m.

NOTICE

Due to constraints caused by the Remembrance Day holiday next week, there will unfortunately be only one *Gateway*, to be published next Thursday.

With all the buildings closed Tuesday, it would be rather difficult, if not pointless to distribute a newspaper.

Montreal protests new fare

MONTREAL (CUP) - Over 10,000 people, mostly students, marched on Montreal City Hall last week protesting the recent increase in the city's public transit fares.

The demonstration was organized by the Association des Etudiants du Quebec (ANEQ) and other groups representing transit users. They marched through downtown streets in Montreal waving placards and chanting slogans protesting the increase of subway and bus tickets from 35 to 50 cents.

Throughout the preceding week students from the Montreal CEGEPS protested the fare hike by occupying subway stations, jumping over turnstiles, and opening the control gates so the general public could enter without paying the increased fare.

The students support a return to the original prices and are also demanding special students' passes. At present, passes which allow students reduced rates are only issues to persons under 18 years of age.

The organizers met the next night and decided to call a day of "guerilla" against the fares

increase in the coming week. Students will occupy designated subway stations and at rush hours will open the gates letting the public in without paying.

They hope to increase their

support with the public in this way.

At least a dozen persons have been arrested so far, and a defense committee has been set up to pay any legal fees and fines.

PUBLIC NOTICE

In its role as the liaison between the University and the public, the Senate of the University of Alberta will be conducting a public hearing into the establishment by the Faculty of Business Administration and Commerce of a Management Advisory Institute to:

1. disseminate and share current knowledge with the wider management community, and
2. develop the management consulting industry's capability to serve Alberta business, and
3. serve in a consulting capacity on specific direct assignments.

The hearing will be held at 2:00 P.M., November 13, 1975 in the Jasper Room of the MacDonal Hotel. Any interested member of the public is invited to attend.

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