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The second regular meeting of the Senate of The University of British Columbia for the session 1931-32 was held on Wednesday, December 16th, 1931, at 8:00 p.m., in the Board Room.

Present: President L. S. Klinck (in the Chair), Dean F. M. Clement, Dean R. W. Brock, Dean D. Buchanan, Mr. E. A. Lloyd, Mr. J. M. Turnbull, Mr. H. F. Angus, Dr. A. H. Hutchinson, Mr. J. N. Harvey, Dr. Frank P. Patterson, Mr. E. C. Hayward, Mr. G. W. Clark, Rev. Dr. W. H. Vance, His Honour F. W. Howay, Dr. G. G. Sedgewick, Mr. Sherwood Lett, Mr. H. T. Logan, Mr. A. E. Lord, Dr. Evlyn F. Farris, Dr. C. Killam, Mr. Sydney Anderson, The Most Rev. A. U. de Pencier and Mr. Lyle A. Atkinson.

Mr. Lord)
Mr. Anderson) That the minutes of the first regular meeting of October 21st, 1931, be taken as read, and adopted.
Carried

Expressions of regret at their inability to attend the meeting were received from Mrs. Beatrice Wood and Rev. Canon Sovereign.

Notices of Appointment of Committees and Representatives

Committee on Calendar

Mr. J. M. Turnbull, Convenor
Dr. A. H. Hutchinson
Mr. E. A. Lloyd
Dr. E. Farris
Miss A. B. Jamieson

Committee on Suggested Plans for Improvement of the Matriculation Examinations

Dr. D. Buchanan, Convenor
Dr. J. G. Brown
Mr. G. W. Clark
Dr. A. H. Hutchinson
Dr. G. G. Moe
Dr. G. G. Sedgewick
Miss A. B. Jamieson

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Representatives on Committee to report on the entire system of the Administration of Student Affairs

Mr. A. E. Lord
Mr. Sydney Anderson

Committee to look into the question of whether Geography was approved as a Matriculation Option

Dr. W. H. Vance, Convenor
Dr. D. Buchanan
Dr. R. W. Brock

Faculty representative on Inter-Fraternity Council

Dr. A. F. Barss

A communication was received from the Secretary of the High School Teachers' Section of the British Columbia Teachers' Federation stating that Mr. George Clark, of King George High School, had been elected representative of the High School Principals and Assistants on the University Senate.

Letters from the Board of Governors were read giving approval to the following recommendations of Senate:

In reference to the Khaki University Scholarship awarded to the late Albert Edward Coles, and the LeRoy Memorial Scholarship awarded to the late Horace Austin McEwen.

Acceptance of grant of $800.00 made by the Summer Session Students' Association to the University Library for the purchase of standard books for Summer Session and Extra-sessional Classes.

New Methods Courses in High School Biology, Agriculture and Commercial Subjects for Teachers-in-Training.

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That the name of the Department of Economics, Sociology and Political Science be changed to Economics, Political Science, Commerce and Sociology.

Establishment of a Department of Home Economics and approval of courses for the Third Year in Home Economics in the session 1931-32 as submitted by Senate.
That authorization be given to conduct a seven weeks' course with Home Economics students next spring should Faculty and Senate so decide.
(Fees would not be charged for these courses and the cost of instruction would be paid out of the Vote for instructors in Home Economics.)

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The Chairman stated that this matter would be dealt with at a later date by the Faculty and a report thereon made to Senate after a Head of the Department of Home Economics had been appointed.

Calendar announcement re two scholarships for returned soldiers.

The Board of Governors informed Senate that the recommendation urging the importance of making provision in the regular annual appropriation for the Library for the purchase of new books had been referred to the budget committee and would be considered when the estimates for the fiscal year 1932-33 were being taken up.

President's reports:

(a) For the academic year ending August 31, 1930
(b) For the academic year ending August 31, 1931.

Dr. Sedgewick)
Archbishop de Pencier) That the report of the President for the academic year ending August 31, 1930, be received and filed with the Senate records.

Carried

Dr. Vance)
Dr. Killam) That the report of the President for the academic year ending August 31, 1931, be received and considered.

Carried

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Enquiry was made as to the apportionment of cost of the Summer Session and as to the disposition of the surplus shown in the report of the Director of the Summer Session, which formed a part of the President's report. Dean Buchanan, as Director of the Summer Session, explained the various items of cost, and the Chairman stated that the surplus had been voted to the Library for the purchase of new books.

Dr. Killam)
Dr. Vance) That the report be filed.
Carried

A letter from the President, together with letters from Dean Clement and Dean Buchanan, re availability of professors in Agriculture for instruction in Arts and Science were read for the information of Senate.

Dr. Killam)
Mr. Harvey) That the letters be received and filed.
Carried

Mr. Lord)
Mr. Lett) That copies of each of these letters be sent to members of Senate.
Carried

From the Faculties

Dr. Sedgewick)
Mr. Clark) That item No. 7 be deferred until item No. 10(a) is being considered.
Carried

From the Faculty of Arts and Science:

Recommended that Miss Margaret B. Dick who has completed her course be granted the Social Service diploma.

Dean Buchanan)
Mr. Angus) That the recommendation be approved.
Carried

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Resolution of the Faculty of Agriculture

That we request that Senate study the academic training of rural High School teachers in relation to rural life and to the fitting of Rural High School students for occupations that most of them might follow.

Dean Clement)
Mr. Lloyd) That the communication be received and considered.

Carried

Dean Clement)
Mr. Lloyd) That a committee of Senate be appointed to study the academic training of High School teachers in relation to rural life.

Carried

Dr. Vance)
Judge Howay) That the Chair appoint the committee.

Carried

Reports of Committees

On Suggested Plans for the Improvement of the Matriculation Examinations

The report from the Faculties in reference to suggested plans for the improvement of the Matriculation Examinations, presented at the last meeting of the Senate, had been considered by the committee, and amendment suggested.

The report from the Faculties:

The examination system would be continued, but would be modified in the following ways:

(a) There would be appointed to the Examination Board a member of Faculty who had had special training and experience with respect to educational measurements and statistics.

(b) All matriculation papers would be set by professors of the University, and would be carefully perused and checked by the high school inspectors prior to the first meeting of the Examination Board.

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(c) The person setting a paper would be given notification at least one month before the paper is due for perusal at Victoria.

(b) and (c) deleted by Arts and Agriculture

(d) The matriculation examinations need not be the same as those taken by candidates for the school-leaving certificate. Responsibility for the setting and marking of examinations that are designed only for candidates for the school-leaving certificate would belong to the Department of Education, not to the University. Marks received for such examinations would not receive matriculation credit.

(e) In addition to the usual matriculation examinations there would be given to matriculation candidates a standardized intelligence test. This test would be given during the examination week in June, and would be supervised by the regular supervisors. Such a test would be of great use in the sifting-out of those candidates least fitted for university work. Candidates with subject-examination averages of from 50 percent to 55 percent may be refused.

admission to the University (passed by Arts and Agriculture)
matriculation standing (passed by Applied Science)
if their score on the list is below the minimum level.

These tests will not count on the Matriculation results. The records of these tests will be compiled and used for education studies. (passed by Applied Science)

(f) Each examination booklet would be marked by at least two examiners in those subjects in which there are two or more examiners. In such cases no one examiner would mark all the questions.

(g) The rank of the matriculation candidate among his class-mates of the school, as computed from the combined evidence from his

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several years of high school work, would be taken into careful consideration if he were found to be in one of the following groups:

1. The failures.

2. Those who were being considered for scholarship awards. (Evidence of this kind would be used in considering the qualifications of scholarship candidates only when comparisons were being made between students coming from the same high school.)

Further Recommendations

1. A committee would be appointed to study the fluctuations of the percentages of failure at the matriculation examinations, in order that ways and means of obtaining greater consistency might be found. Comparisons would be made between subjects, as well as between years.

2. A committee would be appointed to study the problems involved in the apportionment of matriculation credit among the various subjects. (e.g., Should the Chemistry paper and the French Grammar paper each be given the same portion of matriculation credit, considering the fact that the total high school time allotted for Chemistry differs from the total amount of time allotted for French Grammar?)

The report of the Senate Committee:

"The Committee is of the opinion that it is not advisable to consider the question of admission to the University by the accrediting system at the present time for the following reasons:-

(1) The Faculties at present oppose accrediting because it is not yet clear to them that accrediting would not result in lowering the Matriculation standard.

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(2) The Committee understands that further investigations are to be set in motion by the Department of Education, and it would be advisable to await results of such investigations."

On the Faculties' report, the following action was taken:

(a) approved
(b) amended to read "That Matriculation papers be set only by persons approved by the Matriculation Board."
(c) deleted, on account of the fact that this is the present arrangement.
(d) deleted
(e) deleted and the following substituted:
"(1) That an intelligence test be given to all students entering the first year of the University, early in the Fall term, with the object of ascertaining the correlation of tests of this type and the Matriculation results.

(2) That, with the consent of the Department of Education, a comparison be made of the confidential reports of Principals of High Schools on the Matriculation candidates, and the Matriculation results of those candidates, with a view to ascertaining the degree of correlation between the two."

(f) deleted on account of its impracticability.
(g) that consideration of this section be deferred until the degree of correlation of Matriculation results and Principals' reports on candidates be ascertained.

Further recommendations,-

1. Approved, and following added:
"That this committee be asked to study the advisability of the objective type of examinations in the Junior Matriculation examinations."

2. Approved.

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The report of the Committee, with reference at each step to the report from the Faculties, was considered section by section and adopted.

Dean Buchanan)
Mr. Clark) That section (e) (1) be reconsidered.

Carried

Mr. Logan)
Mr. Angus) That section (e) (1) as amended be referred back to the Faculties for their consideration.

Carried

Dean Buchanan)
Mr. Clark) That the report of the Committee, as amended, be adopted, with the exception of (e) (1) - referred to the Faculties.

Carried

Dr. Sedgewick)
Dean Buchanan) That the communication from the Faculties with reference to accredited High Schools be received and filed.

Carried

On Honorary Degrees

Report received at meeting on October 26th and referred to the next regular meeting of Senate.

"The Committee of Senate on Honorary Degrees met on October 20th and in addition to a general report of progress, wishes to recommend that the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws be conferred on Mr. Herbert Marler, Canadian Minister to Japan, on the occasion of Mr. Marler's next visit to Canada."

In amendment to the motion for the adoption of this report:

Mr. Lett)
Archbishop de Pencier) That action on the recommendation of the Committee

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be deferred; to be placed on the agenda of Senate at the option of the President.

Amendment Lost

Original motion put to vote and carried.

On Geography as a subject of the Matriculation Examinations

The Committee reported that according to the minutes of Senate of November 5th, 1930, the introduction of Geography as a Matriculation option was approved. Accordingly a letter was sent to the Deputy Minister of Education requesting him to circularize the High Schools. A reply was received from him stating that he would be pleased to comply with the request.

Dr. Vance)
Dean Buchanan) That the report be received.

Carried

Courses given in the various Faculties with number of students registered in each, Session 1931-32, - Statement presented.

Mr. Lett)
Mr. Lord) That a committee of Senate be appointed by the Chair to consider the information contained in these statements and report to Senate prior to the introduction of the report of next year's Calendar Committee with a view to enabling Senate to eliminate those courses for which there is no necessity or substantial public demand and for the purpose of enabling Senate to make suitable recommendations to the Board of Governors.

Carried

A memorandum was received from the Rhodes Trustees in reference to the recognition of Canadian Universities by the Council of Legal Education.

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Mr. Logan)
Mr. Angus) That the Secretary be instructed to write to the Secretary to the Council of Legal Education and inquire if our University is on the list; and if not, to take such steps as are necessary to place it on.

Carried

A letter from the Provincial Parent-Teacher Federation Executive re Home Economics course was read.

Dr. Killam)
Judge Howay) That the communication be received and filed.

Carried

A card conveying Christmas greetings and best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year to members of Senate was received from the Students' Council.

Dr. Vance)
Seconded unanimously) That the Secretary send a suitable acknowledgment to the Students' Council.

The Ceremonies Committee submitted for approval a specimen of a proposed new form of diploma for Arts degrees.

Mr. Clark)
Dean Buchanan) That consideration of the recommendation of the Ceremonies Committee re the proposed new form of diploma for Arts degrees be held over to the next meeting on December 31st.

Carried

Judge Howay)
Dean Brock) That we adjourn.

Carried

Stanley W. Mathews
Secretary

L. R. Kerr
Chairman