Wednesday, March 18, 1970

A special meeting of the Senate of The University of British Columbia was held on Wednesday, March 18, 1970 at 8:00 p.m. in the Board and Senate Room, Administration Building.

Present: President W. H. Gage (Chairman), Dr. A. E. Aho, Miss D. Allen, Deputy President W. M. Armstrong, Dr. C. S. Belshaw, Mr. S. Black, Mr. C. B. Bourne, Mrs. A. Brearley, Dr. D. G. Brown, Dr. T. H. Brown, Dr. S. D. Cavers, Dr. D. H. Chitty, Dr. R. M. Clark, Dean G. F. Curtis, Dr. C. W. J. Eliot, Mr. W. A. Ferguson, Dean J. A. F. Gardner, Dr. W. C. Gibson, Dr. R. F. Gray, Dr. N. A. Hall, Dr. D. F. Hardwick, Dr. R. F. Kelly, Dr. J. M. Kennedy, Dr. D. T. Kenny, Dr. W. D. Kitts, Mr. P. Ladner, Mrs. W. T. Lane, Mrs. J. MacD. Lecky, Miss E. K. McCann, Dr. M. F. McGregor, Mr. J. R. Meredith, Dr. J. M. Norris, Mr. P. Plant, Dean B. E. Riedel, Dr. G. Rosenbluth, Dr. R. F. Scagel, Dean N. V. Scarfe, Dr. A. D. Scott, Dean M. Shaw, Dr. J. H. G. Smith, Dr. J. K. Stager, Mr. B. Stuart-Stubbs, Dr. H. V. Warren, Dean P. H. White, Mr. D. R. Williams, Dr. W. E. Willmott, Mr. E. Wood.

Observers: Mr. J. A. Banham, Miss D. Hopper, Mr. T. A. Myers, Mr. P. Thompson.

Messages of regret for their inability to attend were received from Chancellor A. M. McGavin, Mr. D. M. Brousson, Mr. F. J. Cairnie, Dr. J. D. Chapman, Dr. M. F. Clarke, Dean W. D. Finn, The Hon. E. D. Fulton, Mr. I. F. Greenwood, Mr. J. Guthrie, Dr. S. Israels, Dean S. W. Leung, Dean Helen McCrae, Dean J. F. McCreary, Dr. B. N. Moyls, Mr. J. V. Rogers, Dr. I. Ross, Dr. G. M. Volkoff, Dr. W. A. Webber, Dr. W. D. Young.

The special meeting was held for further discussion of recommendations in the Long-Range Objectives Committee Report.

Dean Scarfe)
Dr. McGregor) *That the meeting be adjourned no later than 10:00 p.m.*

Carried

The first item for discussion on the Agenda was Recommendation 27, sections (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv). It was agreed that section (i) should be deferred until the points referred to in paragraph 42 of the

report had been dealt with. It was suggested that section (iv) should be dealt with first, then sections (ii) and (iii).

Recommendation 27 (iv)

In introducing section (iv) of Recommendation 27, Dr. Clark stated that it would require Faculties, Departments and Schools to plan ahead more effectively than ever before. He stated that an institution as large as U.B.C. could offer sufficient programmes to create a more interesting and useful environment.

Dr. Clark) Dr. Norris)	*That the present type of structure of Faculties, Departments and Schools be retained with modifications to make the system more responsive to changing conditions, without the adoption in principle of a Federated College system.*

Dr. Belshaw referred to the minority recommendation which supported the Federated College system. He said certain criticisms had been raised in connection with this proposal, namely cost and administrative unwieldiness.

There was no further discussion of the motion which was put and carried.

Recommendation 27 (ii)

Dr. Clark) Dr. Norris)	*That an ad hoc committee of Senate be created to consider and recommend possible changes in the groupings of Faculties, Schools and Departments.*

It was explained that such a committee would look at the campus to see if it had the most appropriate division among Faculties, Schools and Departments. The form of grouping would be a matter for the committee to work out.

The motion was put and carried.

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Recommendation 27 (iii)

Dr. Clark)
Dr. Norris)

That the size of this committee should be determined by the President. The Senate should elect half the committee by mail ballot, and after this election the President should appoint from Senate the remainder of the Committee, including the Chairman.

The Chairman queried whether all the members of this Committee should be members of Senate. Dr. Clark stated that this was the intention.

In amendment:

Dean Curtis)
Dr. Clark)

That the second sentence should read "The Senate should from its members elect half the committee by mail ballot....."

The motion as amended was put and carried.

Recommendation 18

Dr. Belshaw)
Dr. Norris)

That an orientation college be created in Arts and Science disciplines to assist students in the first two years of university work to choose their programmes for subsequent years.

It was explained that the orientation college was intended to be an organization within the present structure of the University. In reply to a query it was stated that the college would have its own Dean or equivalent and if this was approved by Senate it would be a directive in essence to the administrative parties of the University to do something about it. However, the location, physical and staffing implications would require study.

Some Senate members felt that the primary objective of the college was not too clear. It appeared that it would be designed for students

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Recommendation 18 (Continued)

who were unsure of themselves as to where they were headed academically and were not too sure of a proposed programme. It was felt that Senate should be sure it was meeting a really genuine student need.

It was suggested that this recommendation really stated that there was a need for specially designed courses for freshmen and if this were true the Faculties of Arts and Science were quite capable of designing courses to meet the needs of these people.

Dr. Eliot)
Mrs. Lecky)

That the recommendation "That an orientation college be created ..." be referred to a joint committee of the Faculties of Arts and Science for study there.

It was explained that if such a joint committee decided there were grounds for recommending the formation of an orientation college this committee should plan its form.

The motion to refer Recommendation 18 to a joint committee was put and carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Secretary.

Chairman
Confirmed.