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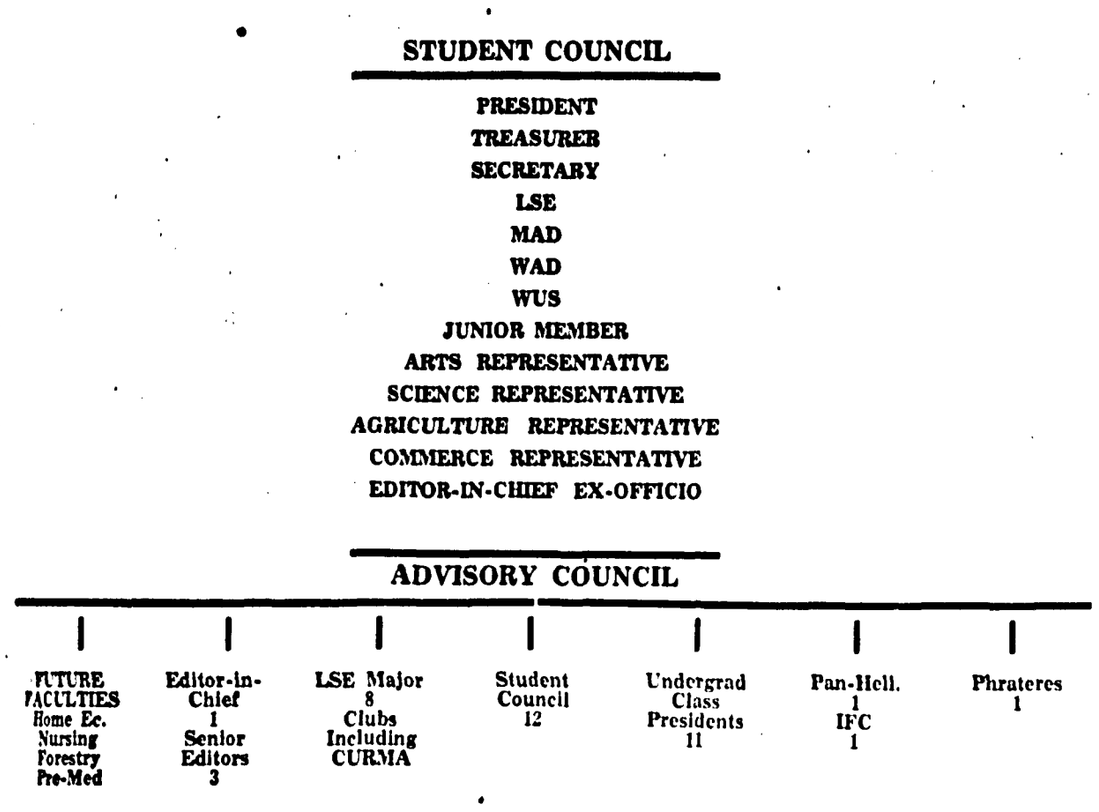
TWO PLANS FOR STUDENT COUNCIL

Students of the University of British Columbia will, in all probability, be called upon to make an important decision tomorrow. They must choose a new type of government for the Alma Mater Society. They have a choice of two plans. In order that students may become famiilar with these two plans The Ubyssey has published this special edition. It contains all the particulars, pros and cons of both plans. On the front page are the specific details. On the back page are comments from two student leaders. Each student should make sure he is well-acquainted with all sides of the question before he casts his vote.

—THE EDITOR.

Advisory Council Plan



By GORDON BERTRAM
President of the Literary and Scientific Executive

PREAMBLE:

It is my belief that the problems posed a revision of Students' Council resolve into three areas.

1. Democratic representation of the student body.
2. Efficiency of operation.
3. Responsible contact with the student body during term of office.

PART I

Democratic representation of the student body would be more complete with the addition of faculty representation on council. The present position of MUS would be dropped and one representative each of Arts, Science, Agriculture and Commerce would be included on council. This would increase the number of councillors to 12.

Thus we would have: President, Treasurer, Secretary, WUS, LSE, MAD, WAD, Junior Member, Arts Representative, Science Representative, Agriculture Representative, Commerce Representative and the Editor-in-Chief. The Honorary President and Vice-President are included.

Their functions would include, besides the administration of all faculty affairs, such duties as the social calendar, War Aid Council, Booking System, noon-hour co-ordination of events and such duties as arise from time to time and the creation of a unified interest in the business and aims of the society as a whole.

PART II

Efficiency of operation can be regarded as being fulfilled with the addition of the suggested members sitting on council.

PART III

Responsible contact with the student body during term of office.

Council operates in a vacuum in its relations with the rest of the student body. The only contact at present is by semi-annual meetings which are generally of a hilarious variety; they are too infrequent and too short to transact but a residual of business.

To maintain student government in an expanding university necessitates a government more closely in contact with the student body.

It is therefore proposed that a Student Advisory Council be established.

Class 1:

The Advisory Council would be composed of: Student Council 12; Editor-in-Chief, one; Major LSE, eight; Pan-Hellenic, one; Inter-Fraternity Council, one; Senior Editors of the Ubyssey, three; Undergrad Classes presidents, eleven; Phrateres, one; Future Faculties, four.

Class 2:

The Advisory Council would meet four times a year, twice each term: On second week in October, first week in December, fourth week in January and the first week in March.

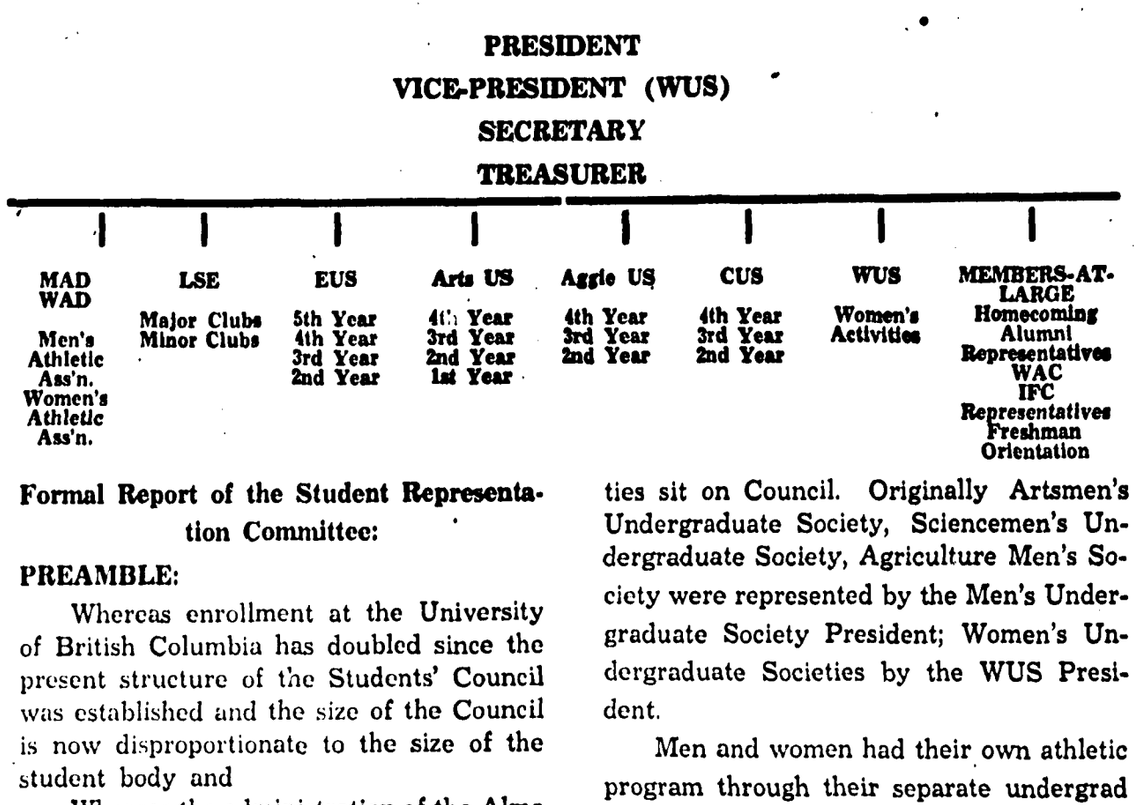
Class 3:

The Advisory Council would consider policy of council in regard to:

Finance; question of large expenditures. Conferences Policy. Quarterly report of Editor-in-Chief, oral. Administration of Brock building. Public Relations. Campus discipline. Current campaigns and drives. Use of Pass System, athletics and special events. Oral reports of Councillors. Issues of general concern to the student body.

The Advisory Council would initiate such matters as the body feels necessary. The Advisory Council would have powers to approve or censure the actions of Student Council. Council could not be overruled by the action of the Advisory Council. The president of the Student Council would call and preside over all meetings. Secretary of the Student Council would report all proceedings. The Advisory Council may be required to meet at the call of Student Council or upon application of at least 15 members.

Enlarged Council Plan



Formal Report of the Student Representation Committee:

PREAMBLE:

Whereas enrollment at the University of British Columbia has doubled since the present structure of the Students' Council was established and the size of the Council is now disproportionate to the size of the student body and

Whereas the administration of the Alma Mater Society falls heavily on a too small Council and

Whereas a closer contact between Council and the student is desired and

Whereas it is felt this contact will be achieved by including presidents of the undergraduate societies on Council and

Whereas it is advisable to include representatives from the lower years to express opinions of the larger student body and ensure more continuity and

Whereas the Men's Undergraduate Society has ceased for some years to be a working organization.

Therefore Students' Council recommends to the Alma Mater Society that Students' Council be reconstituted as follows:

Honorary President.
Honorary Vice-President.
President.
Treasurer.
Secretary.
L.S.E. Representative.
Women's Athletic Representative.
Men's Athletic Representative.
Women's Undergraduate Society Representative.
Arts Representative.
Science Representative.
Aggie Representative.
Commerce Representative.
Two members at large—one sophomore and one junior.

By DICK BIBBS
President of the Alma Mater Society

The Alma Mater Society is not a political organization. It is a Society duly constituted under the laws of the province to promote, direct and control all students' activities within the University of British Columbia, to acquire property and buildings and to raise money by issue of debentures if it sees fit. The executive and Board of Directors of this Society is the Students' Council, which has the full control of all activities under the Society. The officers of the Society are the Honorary President, the Honorary Vice-President, President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. These officers are responsible to Students' Council for carrying out such policies Student Council may determine.

Besides these officers the representatives of Men's and Women's Athletics, clubs, publications and the Undergraduate Societies sit on Council. Originally Artsmen's Undergraduate Society, Sciencemen's Undergraduate Society, Agriculture Men's Society were represented by the Men's Undergraduate Society President; Women's Undergraduate Societies by the WUS President.

Men and women had their own athletic program through their separate undergrad societies. Faculties and departments grew, the present Intramural sports program, largely independent of faculty organization, was introduced, women shared with men the executive work of the undergraduate social functions. Finally Arts Undergraduate Society, Engineers' Undergraduate Society, Agriculture Undergraduate Society, Commerce Undergraduate Society, comprising men and women, replaced the old grouping. We continued to elect the MUS President annually, though we no longer had Men's Undergraduate Societies for him to represent. Council maintained a flimsy contact with the new Undergraduate Societies through the Discipline Committee of which the MUS President remained chairman. WUS continued to coordinate the distinctive women's activities—Red Cross work, Hi Jinx, fashion shows, etc.

Council now represented the special student activities, athletics, clubs, publications, women's interest; decisions were made affecting the general student b ody but not sufficiently weighty to warrant a general AMS meeting, yet the general student body, including many hundreds of students who take little part in organized clubs and sports, had no voice on Council; and Council's decisions affecting these students were difficult to enforce, diffused as they were through MUS President to the undergraduate body.

Your Students' Council realized this weakness. On November 13, 1944, the committee whose report heads this statement was set up to study our Council's needs. Committeemen examined the student governments of nineteen Canadian and seven American universities and colleges before applying themselves to the problems of UBC.

The committee recommended the inclusion of the presidents of the EUS, AUS, Aggies, CUS, on Council. It also recommended that members-at-large be chosen from the lower years by general vote. From these members-at-large would come chairmen of Homecoming, the Clean-Up Campaign, War Aid Council, also a social chairman and representatives to the Alumni and to IFC. Other duties would be assigned from time to time. It was reasoned that students who run for office would carry out these duties more wholeheartedly than an appointee from outside Council would. It was rea-

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PRO: ENLARGED COUNCIL

By LES RAPHAEL

President of the Men's Undergraduate Society

When the committee on representation studied various forms of student government in the search for one to replace the present one, the first question asked was "will it work?" The University is growing at a rapid rate. The jobs of council increase yearly and there has to be executives to do these jobs. We of the committee thought that if we choose a system that would invite inefficiency and slow blundering, so that the student services would not be performed, then inevitably some other agency would step in to do the necessary work. And that would not be the students themselves. We of the committee regard the preservation of efficiency in student government as of paramount importance. Ask yourselves as we did, "will it work?" Will it get things done quickly?" Will it get things done quickly and efficiently?"

The committee's plan was no idle theory. It was designed to function. The council as established would be large enough to handle thoroughly all the various duties of an expanding student body. They would be directly responsible. They would not have to wait and worry about the opinions of an unrepresentative minority before going ahead with some important work which requires speed of execution. The freedom and flexibility of the present form of Student's Council would be preserved. There is less red tape, more direct appeal to the final authority, the Student's Council by the student himself. Under the present system, and the one proposed by the committee, executive authority is sure and firm, not diffuse and timid. The proposed system would mean this:

The students after examining the qualifications of each candidate, choose a council which they feel will represent their views, their policies. This group will have student confidence, otherwise it would not be elected at all. When elected it will have the power to conduct the affairs of the AMS as it sees fit. It will not be out of touch with the studentss. All groups are represented on it. Its actions may be seen from perusal of the council minutes which are posted each week. They receive fuller, and more critical treatment in the Ubyssey. If for any reason, the students, or a faction thereof, decide that they are not being properly treated, or if some important matter is not receiving the attention due it, they have, under the code, the right to call a general meeting of all the students at which time the council may be called to account. Otherwise they have faith in their council and give it their support and cooperation so that council may organize and coordinate their affairs efficiently.

On investigation the committee found that the most glaring fault of the present council set-up was its lack of faculty representation. These large and important groups were represented only through the weak MUS organization which is poorly defined and has not been working for years. The president of Arts, Science, Agriculture and Commerce will sit on council. They will represent all the years of each faculty. If their organizations are effective they will be truly representative. They will each have one full vote. It is clear that Arts, with one vote, will have, as a group, less authority than Commerce, judging from the size of each faculty. To overcome this, the members-at-large system has been established. These members at large, from the Junior and Sophomore years of any faculty, will be elected by the entire student body. If Arts feels itself inadequately represented, an extra Arts member-at-large will even out the representation merely because the Arts students are numerically superior at the polls. Science, being a solid group, may do same. Note though, that only on questions of inter-faculty rivalry with this balancing function be called upon. But we are assured that no faculty is left poorly represented in uch a crisis, even though the other members of council may be of any faculties and will, as they do now, vote with the general good of the AMS in mind rather than with their particular faculty. Faculty feeling is, and indeed should not be so strong on council as to prejudice the members one way or the other. The faculty representatives will give a closer contact with the undergraduate bodies, though, and the members-at-large have other, more important functions than this juggling act. As the university expands and more faculties are added they, too, will be represented on council. The members-at-large will, presumably, increase proportionately. The ssytem is thus made flexibe and capable of edministering to the needs of larger student bodies. We anticipate a bigger university with more students. This plan looks ahead to a school of 5,000 and more students with m ore wants and needs. This will require more work on the part of Student's Council and more executives to handle it well. In my experience the enrollment has risen from 2100 to almost 3000 students and the council as now established is too small to handle the work. Treasurer, President, WUS, LSE, and the athletic representatives have enough to worry about without being burdened by many committees and promotions as at present. The members-at-large could take care of these sundry, but important jobs. They would serve as a board from which members could be selected by the president to take care of such work as Homecoming, Cleanup, Freshmen orientation, Fall Ball, Cairn Ceremonies, Public Relations, Insurance Committee, Discipline, and the myriad other functions necessary to student administration. Do not think that there will be insufficient work for them to do. Ask any student councillor, past or present. They'll tell you that the work has piled up year by year and that more executive administrators are necessary, people with exact knowledge of the facts and the ability to act quickly and well without worrying about cumbersome advisory boards and the like.

Continuity in student government is of increasing importance as the function thereof expands. At UBC, unlike the universities of the rest of Canada, the students have complete control of their affairs. They have managed to retain this desirable situation by having Student Councils that know what they are doing. As the system, financial and administrative, expands more complete knowledge is required by student officials and more experience in executive work is necessary. If with a large enrollment and fifty or sixty thousand dollars of student money you get a council that is entirely green and inexperienced the result is chaos. We need experience and not just the experience gained from sitting in an advisory meeting three or four times a year. Before taking one of the top executive positions a member should sit on council for at least one year. This plan has been conceived so as to give training to up and coming men and women in the junior and sophomore years. Not just one, as at present, which is a shot in the dark, but three or more so that continuity is assured. We can be sure of a nucleus at least on Student Council that can initiate the new members into the intricacies of the system and preserve the form of government as potent and stable.

AMS Meeting Tuesday 11:30

PRO: Advisory Council Plan

By GORDON BERTRAM

President of the Literary and Scientific Executive

It has been inferred in a recent editorial of the Ubyssey that democracy does not exist in the sphere of student government. The reference was that the Advisory Council was impossible and idealistic.

Even a slight familiarity with the plan for an advisory council would reveal the elementary and sound basis of student government proposed therein. The advisory council consists of groups already existing on the campus; no elaborate or involved mechanism has to be set up. These groups earn their representation by their activity, they are the groups actually concerned with the many student problems. All that is necessary, is to call these representatives together four times a year to consider the broad policies to be pursued by Student Council. This does not involve lengthy red tape or the hamstringing of Student Council as has been asserted. The power of the proposed council is advisory, its influence lies in the power of approval or disapproval of council policy. Student Council would hesitate to buck the opinion of the advisory council. The difficulties of a completely powerful lower house are thus circumvented.

The advisory plan diffuses the problems faced by council into a larger and more representative group. At no time at present do these combined representatives of the active organizations meet to consider the common problem of student administration.

The claim is advanced that these groups are already represented on Student Council; this implies perfect and absolute representation and complete homogeniety of student opinion. We must remember that students are not all turned out of the same stamping machine.

The Advisory Group would consider only general policy which require the review of a larger body; policies which a small body of representatives can not do justice to. Student Council is primarily a body of specialists, each with their own specific field. It must handle a thirty thousand dollar a year business as well as all administrative problems. It is therefore necessary to seek the opinion of a larger group to work out the distribution of financial expenditure and the policy of allotment of funds to the organizations and activities of the Society at the beginning and throughout the year. This most responsible task is not being operated at present under any clearly defined set of rules, but is left to the circumstantial decisions of weekly council meetings.

If delegates are sent to conferences representing the AMS they should present the opinions of this larger group as to policies to be advanced, rather than the personal opinions of the delegates.

Public relations and their co-ordination and promotion should be discussed by the people who are actually in contact with the public—that is members of the advisory council.

Campus discipline needs the support and understanding of the Advisory Council because of the important relation of student behaviour to public opinion of the university.

The oral report of members of Student Council and the editor-in-chief to the Advisory Council would not only clarify council policy of the Ubyssey to the organizations on the campus, but would avoid the misunderstanding so easily engendered by the existing system.

The committee has continually preached the necessity of maintaining a greater degree of continuity on council. Every student agrees that the junior years should be given some experience with the problems of student government. Should this experience be limited to one or two junior members on the Student Council? The Advisory Council plan provides a training ground for many student executives.

Not only would the members of the Advisory Council be familiar with the general issues facing the Society, but also they would receive extremely valuable experience by participating in committees set up to promote different campus projects. With this plan in operation the AMS president would appoint a chairman for a specific committee from the Student Council itself and, after referring to a list of the Advisory Council, would appoint junior class executives and experts in various campus activities to sit on the committee. Under the majority plan this valuable experience would, of necessity, be limited to the already overworked council members and to one or two junior members who, if given a project to handle would have no executive at all to assist them. These junior members would be truly out of touch with the student body.

Do not overlook the fact that there are eleven class executives on the Advisory Council. At present these representatives are almost totally without a function. The Advisory Council plan would provide every class president with a participating share in student government. For this reason interest in student government and devotion to its perpetuation would be stimulated throughout the entire university. In the meetings with council, all the organizations represented would feel that they, too, had a share in their own government. Here at last we see a sound basis for a university spirit which would overcome the present tendency towards factionalism.

As has been stated already the oral reports of council members would clear up many controversial issues. Any members of the Advisory Council is free to question council members individually and make constructive suggestions.

It has been suggested that the members of this Advisory Council would know nothing of the problems to be discussed, and would care less. However, the supporters of the minority report believe that if the members are sent an outline of the business to be discussed before the meeting with council, each member could investigate the question and prepare himself to hear it discussed and to express an intelligent opinion. Is this an over-idealistic conception of the intelligence of students at the university level?

Perhaps, it would be wise at this point to outline the basic concept which underlies this plan for an Advisory Council. We believe that student government sould be based on democratic principles. Let us consider briefly the historical background of democratic government. Throughout the course of history, we have seen that democracy commences to disintegrate once the people become apathetic to this precious privilege. Surely, **"efficiency alone"** is a slogan more suited to an absolutist theory of government. It was Lord Acton who wisely said, "Power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely."

Students must realize that unless they take an interest in their own government they stand in grave danger of losing control of their own affairs, just as nations have become servile to a small group of so-called efficiency experts. **But how can student take an interest in student government unless they are more familiar with the plans which are being discussed for their own welfare?** If the Advisory Council plan were instituted, each of these members would, as a matter of course, discuss the general issues with their organizations and their associates. Interest would become more widespread. Has the majority plan satisfied the "quorum issue" —will students take more interest in the semi-annual meeting? Is it not evident that general student interest in their own government is declining at a terrifying rate? Could this be the first indication of a trend which would see student government die out completely on the campus?

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soned also that the stronger faculties which might deserve more representatives than the weaker ones would be able to elect more members-at-large. The committee decided there should be two members-at-large, one from the Junior, one from the Sophomore years. Coming from the lower years they would be able to train for higher office later.

The committee felt the enlarged council would represent students' interests adequately and yet would remain compact to act, as Students' Council must act, as the executive body of the AMS. A large executive is not a speedy or efficient one.

A variant of the above plan was proposed and defeated by the committee. This would have called for an Advisory Council of 40 with members drawn from Students' Council, Publications, major LSE, fraternities and the undergraduate societies. It would have much of the powers of Students' Council, except that it could do nothing. It could advise.

Look at the table again at the head of the page. If we have this Students' Council all the groups of the Advisory Council, plus athletics, are represented directly on the highest executive of the AMS. The Advisory Council merely duplicates, in a rough way, this representation. Matters the Advisory Council would bring to Students' Council can be brought more quickly to council through the council members. When council wants advice it can go directly to the MAD, LSE, or other organizations under it. It needs no buffer advisory council to **separate** it from the students.

You delegate much power and responsibility to Students' Council. The initiative of decision and action must be left with it. Otherwise you have no executive. The machinery of your student government must be effective. The proposed advisory council would hamper student government. A weak unnecessary adjunct to an other wise well-operated Students' Council could not but weaken student administration.

Council is responsible to the students. Its actions are freely reported in The Ubyssey. Its minutes are posted. Its files and ledgers are open to inspection. It must at the call of any 100 students make full explanation of any of its actions at a general meeting. Any student may attend its regular Monday evening sessions. Suggestions, criticisms, requests, may be made through the subsidiary organizations to its members, or to its members and officers directly. This is the quick way to do business.

I believe the plan to enlarge council is a good one. I firmly believe the plan to append an "advisory" council is not a good one.

Constitution of Coordinator of Social Activities

• ED LAMBE, Chairman of the existing Coordination Committee , which has been recently set up under the jurisdiction of the LSE, upon request of the Revision Board has submitted the following constitution for the new position of Coordinator of Social Activities. Because of his previous experience, Lambe has been able to do an extremely good job of drafting the following which has the unanimous approval of the Revision Board.

1—The Coordinator of Social Activities shall be responsible for:

A. Acting as an authority in the hiring of entertainers, dance-bands, arranging for refreshments, renting of halls, or any other matters pertinent to social affairs, either on or off the campus, and he shall be prepared to offer advice to any individual or group.

B. Preparing a schedule of noon-hour events in such a way that large meetings, or meetings affecting similar groups of students, do not interfere with each other.

C. Preparing a schedule of afternoon and evening social events in such a way that functions occur more or less regularly throughout the year.

D. Securing the active co-operation of all campus organizations in undertakings of campus-wide importance.

E. Extending the mutual understanding and sympathy of campus organizations.

2—For the purpose of preparing a schedule of noon-hour events, a Noon-hour Co-ordination Committee shall be formed. The Co-ordinator of Social Activities shall be the Chairman of this committee.

Membership:

a. The following organizations shall have permanent representation on the Committee: Undergraduate Societies Committee, Universities Women's Association, Men's Athletic Association, Women's Athletic Association, Players Club, Musical Society,, Parliamentary Forum, Social Problems Club, International Relations Club, Canadian Legion (University Branch), Mamooks, Student Christian Movement, Varsity Christian Fellowship, Radio Society, Music Directorate.

b. Other organizations and campaign committees shall be represented at the discretion of the Co-ordinator.

Representation:

a. The representatives of USC, UWA, MAA and WAA shall be the presidents of these organizations.

b. The representatives of a club shall be constantly either president or program director of that club.

c. The Music Directorate and campaign committees shall be represented by their Chairmen.

Meetings:

The Committee shall meet at least twice each month. The Co-ordinator may call for more frequent meetings at his discretion.

Powers:

a. The Committee shall have the power to establish the relative necessity or importance of events to the campus as a whole.

b. The Committee shall have the power to cancel any event which seriously threatens the success of one which it decides to be more necessary or important.

c. In the event that the Committee can not meet to decide on an issue, the above powers shall rest with the Co-ordinator and the president of Students' Council.

d. The Committee shall have the right to demand specific notice of any noon-hour event, and to cancel an unsanctioned event.

3—For the purpose of preparing a schedule of afternoon and evening functions, a Social Events Co-ordination Committee shall be formed. The Co-ordinator of Social Activities shall be the Chairman of this Committee.

Membership:

a. The following shall be the permanent members of this Committee: One Representative of the USC. The President of UWA. One Representative from Athletics. Sophomore Member.

b. Current Campaign committees and other organizations shall be represented by their chairmen or presidents at the discretion of the Co-ordinator.

Meetings:

The Committee shall meet at least once each month. The Co-ordinator may call for more frequent meetings at his discretion.

Powers:

(As outlined for Noon-Hour Co-ordination Committee).

4—The Co-ordinator of Social Activities shall have the right to expect responsible executive assistance where he finds this necessary.

COMMENTARIES OF SOME STUDENT LEADERS

ALEX COWIE

• IN MY OPINION, of the four proposals advanced by the Revision Board to alter the constitution, the most important, as far as the general student body is concerned, is the proposal that an Undergraduate Societies Committee, made up of the executives of all the Societies, be established to act as a unified body in discussing the issues and policies of the Student Council, in safeguarding the constitutional rights of the members of the Alma Mater Society, and in maintaining discipline on the campus.

The other three proposals are excellent and are indeed an advancement over the old set-up in that they tend to bring order in social activities and make Council more truly representative of a larger group of students.

However, it is impossible to discuss fully all the proposals because of lack of space, so I shall deal only with the Undergraduate Societies Committee.

The executive of each faculty is much closer to the student body than any other body could possibly be. Class presidents are someone you know: someone you feel represents you as an individual; someone with whom you feel free to assert your opinions and discuss campus problems.

Then what is more logical, than a body made of these class presidents under the leadership of their faculty presidents set up to discuss and make recommendations on the issues and plans of Student Council and the problems of the student body, backed as they are by knowledge of what the students themselves expect and want? What more effective and direct way is there of bringing forth individual opinions and ideas? What body could be more truly representatve of students? Furthermore, when students realize that their opinion is being heard and dealt with, they are bound to take a greater interest in the affairs of student government; and, after all, isn't that precisely what is needed?

As for discipline, what better group could maintain student discipline than the presidents of the Undergraduate Societies?

With each Undergraduate Society executive called upon either to maintain discipline in its own faculty or to step aside and let the other faculty executives take over, it will have to insure, for the pride of itself and its faculty, that its faculty is properly controlled.

The students themselves, will insist that their executives maintain discipline for undergraduate society spirit is high and no student will submit to control by another faculty executive.

In summation, then, this committee represents a union of the undergraduate societies, representing your opinions, acting as your watch over Council, and effectively administering discipline on the campus.

BRUCE YORKE

• SUGGESTION No. 1—That the secretary of the ALMA MATER SOCIETY, who in the past has done nothing but record minutes, take over the functions, outlined by the committee, of the Co-ordinator of Social Activities.

Suggestion No. 2—That the treasurers of L.S.E., M.A.D., and C.U.S.C. form with the main treasurer a treasurer's committee to review all expenditures and grants.

Suggestion No. 3—That some definite arrangement should be made for the choosing of University representatives at college conferences.

Suggestion No. 4—That the CUSC also take on as one of its functions the annual review of the structure of the Alma Mater Society, so that if future changes make it necessary to revise the AMS set-up, a body will be already set up to make changes (proposed).

All in all I think the new set-up is not too bad. Unfortunately it still does not get over the main difficulty, that is, an informed student body. This is the whole question of the function of the Ubyssey. As the only recognized means of expression on the campus it is dominant in shaping student opinion.

Whereas the Treasurer in the past has had almost complete control of student finance the editor in chief of the Ubyssey has had almost complete control of student thought. This is undemocratic in the extreme. If the publishing of an article depends on the decision of the editor in chief then obvously freedom of expression is being seriously curtailed. Especially in the matter of political, economic, and social questions we are certainly leaving ourselves wide open tc mob psychology effects, if an opposing point of view is not allowed adequate or even equitable expression.

Considering the expense of the Ubyssey to the University students, and despite claims that it is merely a journalism club in which the members should have a free reign to expression, the Ubyssey remains a powerful propaganda weapon. Its influence does not stop at the University as it is very well known (the Japanese poll, and Carrothers statement that got misquoted last year) and other examples which show that its effects are widespread. If this is the case it is imperative that it expresses the opinions of all the students of the University, not just some who happen to be interested enough to work on it, but all the students who have something to say.

For this reason I suggest that the policy, style, make-up, and general tone of the Ubyssey be subject to weekly review by CUSC and that furthermore that body be the supreme authority as far as the Ubyssey goes. The editor in chief should be made directly responsible to them and at every weekly meeting be obliged to answer their questionings. Furthermore if that body decides that the editor in chief is carrying on undemocratic practises it shall have the authority to dismiss him. The Ubyssey is not like other campus activities. It should not be handled in the same manner.

JACK BEVERIDGE

• THE CHIEF advantage of the proposed Undergraduate Societies Committee is that it shifts the duty of directing general AMS policy onto the executives of the Undergraduate Societies. The AMS Council cannot properly direct student policy for two principle reasons: 1) it does not necessarily represent all groups on the campus; 2) it has no direct connections with the students who elected it. The executives of the Undergraduate Societies, however, represent every student on the campus. Each member of the executives represents some small section of the students, and he should know what his electors want. Although some of the undergraduate Societies need reorganizing to become effective in this new set-up the executives of the Undergraduate Societies are the only groups capable of giving the students the kind of government they want. The organization here outlined gives the Undergraduate executive a duty which is naturally theirs.

ED LAMBE
DON BROWN
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• OUR CRITICISM of the revision proposals will be based on four requisites of good student government:

1. **Efficiency.**
   a) A Council of twelve members seems likely to be unnecessarily clumsy in operation and execution. The addition of a Co-ordinator seems unquestionable, although Co-ordination might well have been made a function of the Second or Third Year Representative.
   b) At least two members who have no specific function, a condition which is likely to detract from efficiency.
2. **Representation.**
   a) Specific representation of Sophomore and Junior Years may have result of lessening unwritten domination of student affairs by the graduating classes.
   b) Representation of undergraduate interests by one person removes danger of opposed faculty interests being represented on Council.
   c) USC removes overlapping and confusion of former undergraduate organization.
3. **Contact.**
   a) USC in touch with students generally through the faculty executives.
   b) In dropping Advisory Council plan, we feel that the Council's opportunity to meet representatives of the most active campus groups has been removed. In this sense, a measure of contact has been lost.
4. **Continuity.**
   a) Sophomore and junior members on Council will lead to greater continuity of administrative experience from year to year.

In general, we feel the revision proposals are sound, and will support them.

ROY LOWTHER

• THE STUDENT Government Revision Board has made its report re proposed changes in student government at UBC; and the onus now rests on you, the student.

The recommendations of the Board are, in my opinion, a satisfactory compromise between the two plans presented in January, and should also sufficiently meet the demands of post-war UBC, and the problems—rehabilitation, university expansion, etc.—which will be upon us in 1945-46.

There are one or two weaknesses. Certain council members, such as sophomore and junior members, should, I feel, be elected only by those students whom they represent. Most important, the responsibility for adequate representation of student opinion will rest on the Undergraduate Societies Committee, representing traditionally the least active, if largest, portion of students. Success of the plan, if adopted, depends upon the members of this committee; I hope they will fully realize this, and keep the faith with those who elected them.

To the student I say: Study the report (in last week's Ubyssey); make your decision; and come prepared to next Tuesday's annual meeting to express it by your vote.

TED ENGLISH

• I HAVE just read over a condensation of the plan for Student Council Revision printed in today's Ubyssey. I have also read over the criticisms and comments of those who submitted ideas to the Revision Committee. I think both the plan and the comments are sound and worthy of your attention as voters at the Tuesday AMS meeting.

A great many comments could be made and a detailed examination of the Plan to be put up for your approval might once again be carried on. However, and I believe (modestly enough) that what I am about to say is the most significant single statement in this paper, the present proposed plan is the result of many painful hours of discussion and what is more important a really sincere effort on the part of Committee members to reach a generally satisfactory compromise between subgested revisions. Whether you will all agree with every detail of the Plan is doubtful and indeed inadvisable. You may take it from me that many strong individualist spirits and flamng democratic ideals had to be tempered in the meetings of the group of student leaders who drew up the final plan. They do not suppose that they have found a Constitutional Chimaeras for UBC. What they do believe is that they have found a realistic solution to many of the student government problems facing or likely to face us in the near future.

As exemplifying the willingness of the Revision Committee to meet and incorporate student ideas, after the report had been made up, a section of the report proposing the changing of Pass Feature jurisdiction from LSE to the Co-ordinator of Social Activities, being opposed by many students, was deleted.

In the interest of Student government, and in view of the above statements, I herewith support and SUGGEST YOUR APPROVAL of the present Plan for Revision.

F. B. TESSMAN

• I HAVE been approached on the subject of voicing an opinion re representation on the Students' Council of this University.

In view of the fact that the president of our Society—'The University Branch, Canadian Legion'—vould not be contacted before the material went to the press, the following are my own personal views as a member of the above society.

As this society represents a substantial membership on this campus, and is subject to much greater membership increase next year, and in view of the fact that vital problems relating to returned men's activities are more than likely to arise; moreso than in the past, I believe that this organization should be represented on the Students' Council, effective 1945-46.

REVISION BOARD REJECTS FACULTY DELEGATES

By JIM WILSON, Revision Board Chairman

• DIRECT FACULTY representation (Arts, Aggie, Science and Com.) on Council was rejected by the Board after having been discussed at great length under the general headings of Efficiency, Fair Representation, Continuity, and Contact with the Student Body. Briefly, the points pro and con are as follows:

PRO: (1.) Would provide the broadest possible base for representation on Council

(2.) Would possibly provide more effective criticism

(3.) Would provide a potential source of workers to do some of duties of Council

(4.) Would possibly stimulate the activities of the Undergraduate Societies

CON: (1.) Would not make for more efficient functioning of Council

(2.) Would not provide complete undergraduate representation on Council

(3.) Would not further continuity

(4.) Would in all probability lead to factional disputes and interests

(5.) Would further overlapping of existing representation

(6.) Would increase the responsibility of the President in maintaining discipline and allocating work to keep these members busy

(7.) Would have no real function except as undergraduate representatives

(8.) Tried before when University only one-third as large and was dropped

FACULTY REPRESENTATION

The following points evolved from the discussion on direct faculty representation:

(1.) That the functional aspect of Council was predominant over all others

(2.) That the functional aspect should be strengthened and not weakened

(3.) That from the functional point of view, the position of MUS was most unsatisfactory

(4.) That from the point of view of unfair representation on Council, it was the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd year students who had a legitimate "protest" as all Council members, with the exception of Junior Member, are 4th or 5th year students

(5.) That Council needed more members to help with some of the work

(6.) That the Undergraduate Society Organizations were the groups that were not assuming the responsibilities they should and therefore not making their full contribution to student government on the campus.

Therefore, the Board resolved that an Undergraduate Societies Committee be established, composed of the executives of each Undergraduate Society, and that the Committee have a Constitution clearly defining its Object, Structure, and Function.

Thus it was the aim of the Board to eliminate the confusion of the existing MUS "set-up," re-vitalize the Undergraduate Society Organizations, provide for the function of the proopsed "Advisory Council" idea, and at the same time leave Council free to work as swiftly and as efficiently as possible.

SUMMARIES OF VARIOUS BRIEFS GIVEN TO BOARD

• IN PRESENTING this Special Edition, the Revision Board requested reflections on their recommendations by the six men who were interested enough in student government to present briefs to the Board for its consideration.

Roy Lowther emphasized UBC in the post-war world: "the future takes priority over the present." Further, "UBC, in view of its dominant position on the National Federation of Canadian University Students, has an unparalleled opportunity to move this very important body in the direction of effective participation in post-war education, rehabilitation, employment etc. as these issues involve universities and their students". Lowther suggested increasing membership of Students' Council to twelve by the addition of the Presidents of AUS, EUS, CUS and Aggie US, and the editor-in-chief and Legion president as ex-officio members, also the abandonment of the office of President of MUS.

Ed Lambe, Don Brown and Ron Grantham proposed that MUS and WUS be replaced by a committee of the executives of all the Undergraduate Societies. It should be chairmaned by an Undergraduate Men's Representative and an Undergraduate Women's Representative, both members of Students' Council.

Ted English presented a brief which partly coincided with the views of LSE but was mainly his own composition. He advocated the retention of the nine-man Council though he suggested that a committee of Undergraduate Societies be headed by the former president of MUS with the former president of WUS as vice-president.

It was noted that each of the independent briefs of Roy Lowther, Ed Lambs and Co., and Ted English advocated the setting up of an advisory council. Roy Lowther termed it thus, Ed Lambe called it the Advisory Group and Ted English named it the Representative Recommendations Council though the organization and functions of each are somewhat similar.

Alex Cowie suggested that Council drop the position of Junior Member but add six Undergraduate Presidents. He proposed various committees that could be set up such as the Men's Athletic Diretory, the Women's Athletic Directory, the Discipline Committee, a Publicity Committee and a Treasury Committee.

Cowie and Ted English both advanced the idea of a Treasury Committee but the Board decided that decentralization of the powers of the purse was not desirable since the ultimate responsibility rests upon the AMS treasurer.

The Students' Council would be rechristened the Policy Council if Bruce Yorke's plan were adopted. This Council would consist of a President, Secretary, Treasurer, the respective presidents of five boards, the four major faculty presidents and the editor-in-chief. The five boards, which would meet once a week separate from each other and the weekly meeting of the Policy Council, would be as follows: I, Men's Sports; II, Women's Sports; III, Literary and Scientific; IV, Social Activities, and V, Disciplinary, Governmental and Proomtional Board representing both men and women.

Marshall Bauder pointed out to the Board the favourable possibilities of placing each Undergraduate Society president on Council, illustrating their probable duties if such a move were taken.

On the reverse side of this page will be found commentaries on the proposals of the Revision Board by active campus leaders.

REVISION PROPOSALS IN NUTSHELL

• LAST MONDAY evening, Students' Council unanimously passed the proposals of the Student Government Revision Board, as presented to Council by its Chairman, Jim Wilson.

It was decided to submit these proposals to the general student body at the Annual AMS meeting, Tuesday, March 27.

The following are the proposals of the Revision Board:

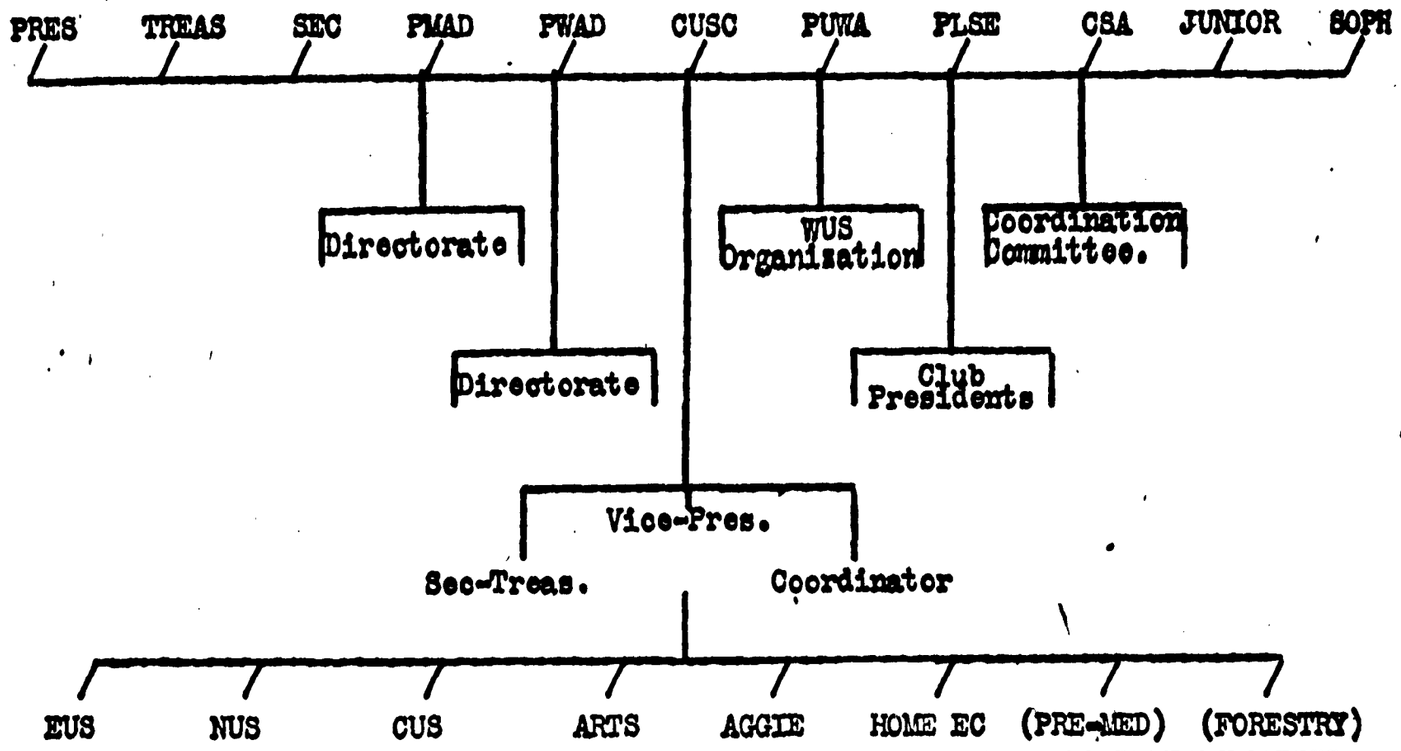
1. That the Undergraduate Societies' Committee composed of the executives of each Undergraduate Society be established; that the chairman be elected by and from this Committee; that the chairman so elected replace the existing president of MUS.
2. That the Literary and Scientific Executive have the authority to elect to Council its own president by whatever means the Executive decides most satisfactory.
3. That a new position, Coordinator of Social Activities, be created; that the CSA be elected at large; that the CSA shall fulfill the duties and functions as outlined in the proposed constitution for that office.
4. That a Sophomore member be included on Students' Council;

A sincere attempt has been made by the Board to advance a plan for student government which will be compatible with the future expansion of UBC. As a Library system allows for expansion, so this plan allows for new innovations. But the Board feels it has a second value; it provides for a more efficient administration of campus business and activities. Such a quality is vital if an organization is to grow up smoothly and successfully.

In keeping with the aim of making Council as functional a body as possible, it was also decided: That a new position, Co-ordinator of Social Activities be created whose function and duty shall be as outlined in the constitution.

That this member of Council be elected at large.

COUNCIL AS PROPOSED BY REVISION BOARD



PMAD—PRESIDENT MEN'S ATHLETIC DIRECTORATE
PWAD—PRESIDENT WOMEN'S ATHLETIC DIRECTORATE
CUSC—CHAIRMAN UNDERGRADUATE SOCIETIES' COMMITTEE
PUWA—PRESIDENT UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION
PLSE—PRESIDENT LITERARY SCIENTIFIC EXECUTIVE
CAS—CO-ORDINATOR SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Constitution of Undergrad Societies Committee

• THIS CONSTITUTION of the Undergraduate Societies Committee has been drawn up in the hope that it might prove a workable basis for a more detailed constitution.

ARTICLE I—Name

The name o fthe Committee shall be "the Undergraduate Societies Committee of the University of British Columbia."

ARTICLE II—Object

The object of the Committee shall be:

a. To promote, direct, control and coordinate the activities of the various Undergraduate Societies through their executives on this Committee.

b. To act as the medium through which the undergraduate body can effectively express their views on matters important to them as members of the Alma Mater Society.

c. To safeguard the constitutional rights of all members of the AMS in the matters of elections, special and general meetings, expenditures, discipline, et cetera.

ARTICLE III—Members

a. Members of the USC shall be:
1) Active members of the Alma Mater Society as de-

b. President and executives of each Undergraduate Society shall comprise the membership of the USC and any officers shall be elected from their ranks.

c. A member of the Publications Board shall sit on the USC.

ARTICLE IV—Voting

a. The Chairman of the USC shall never have a vote.

b. The maximum number of votes cast shall be equivalent to the maximum number of Undergraduate Societies represented on the USC irregardless of the comparative size of the different Undergraduate Societies.

ARTICLE V—Duties of Member Officials

a. The presidents of the Undergraduate Societies together with the Chairman of the USC shall form a standing Discipline Committee which shall conform with the provisions of Article XII of the Code of the Alma Mater Society of UBC.

b. The Chairman of the USC:
1) As a member of the Students' Council, shall be empowered to present to Students' Council for serious consideration any amendment or proposal receiving a majority of votes within the USC.
2) Shall head the standing Discipline Committee.
3) Shall perform all such other duties as usually fall to the Chairman of a Committee.

c. To devise a new awards system in conjunction with Athletics, LSE and Publications. It is recommended that the new system be on a point basis and that the award represent a summation of a student's activities while at the University. It is also recommended that this Committee be responsible for the administration of the new system and the issuing of Awards.

ARTICLE VI—Duties of the USC (in brief)

a. To act as the standing Discipline Committee.

b. To foster co-operation among the Undergraduate Societies in the interests of successful prosecution of drives, benefits and post-war schemes affecting the future of the undergraduate student body.

ARTICLE VII—Election of Members

a. Elections for the executives of each Undergraduate Society shall be held the week following the final elections for members of Students' Council—eg. the last week in February.

b. The newly elected executives of each Undergraduate Society shall meet together as the USC during the first week in March to elect their Chairman.

c. Provision shall be made in the constitutions of each Undergraduate Society for elections to fill any position which may be vacated if its holder is elected Chairman of the USC.

ARTICLE VIII—Meetings

Meetings of the USC shall be held once every week, preferably at the Monday noon-hour.

c. The vice-president shall perform all such duties of the Chairman in his or her absence with the exception of representing the USC on Students' Council.

d. The secretary-treasurer shall perform the usual duties of the secretary and treasurer of a Committee. As treasurer, this official shall cooperate with the Treasurer of the AMS.

e. Coordinator of the USC shall sit on the committees of the Coordinator of Social Activities will full knowledge of the proposed immediate activities of the various Undergraduate Societies. The Coordinator shall also be in charge of all publicity.

f. The Publications Board member of the USC shall mediate between the "Ubyssey" staff and the Committee.

g. The Chairman of the War Aid Council shall be elected by the Undergraduate Societies Committee and need not be on the US executive.