

'78 committee formed ORIENTATION LACKED LEADERSHIP

Orientation 1977 seemed to lack a great deal of commitment, leadership and general interest. The number for events was much the same as other years and didn't exceed the two hundred mark. The Committee lacked enthusiasm from faculty/students to staff. Four students had been appointed by Student Union, and two showed up. Two faculty members were appointed and after the second meeting, one resigned. The other member, although keen to help, was very busy with teaching a summer course, and by late August, when help was needed, he needed and deserved a holiday. Unfortunately, instead of a holiday, he got very ill, and as a result, was unavailable for the entire week. The registrar appeared at very few meetings and seemed to have very little interest in Orientation activities. It appears that since it is a University committee, the position is represented because of the position and not because of an interest. The student who ended up with the responsibility for Shinerama was abducted from a parked car at the top of the campus and told she was going to Montreal for a conference. Fortunately she agreed to this, did an excellent job of organizing carrying through, and following up with Shinerama responsibilities. Due to some confusion, Student Services was identified as the parent to the Committee. As a result of this, too much of the responsibility rested on the shoulders of the Student Services member and not enough shared

by the co-chairman and other members. The events were poorly attended by upper classmen. Many of them were tied up with Faculty/Student Advisory Programme on the first day, but still there were very few around on Wednesday and Thursday. Some of the committee members did not attend many of the events, and activities were left up to too many individual people. There was a complete lack of interest in any follow-up and Student Services' members had to tie up many loose ends to maintain a good relationship for another year.

In view of the concerns the following recommendations are put forward:

1. Goals and objectives of the committee be defined.
2. Authority and the responsibilities of each position be defined (job descriptions).
3. Information on (a) goals and (b) job descriptions be distributed each year to all members.
4. Appointments to the committee be made to insure continuity. i.e. This year all students were seniors and both faculty member's terms were over.
5. Active campus organizations be invited to serve on the committee and thus give more student input.
6. Marion Basha become permanent chairman.
7. The registrar should be simply a liaison person between the two offices and not be given any other active position although he should still have the right to offer opinions and

8. Lower registration fee and supplement this by more advertising (have firms sponsor events), and through Student Union or faculty funds.
9. Meeting for discussion and suggestions during Spring term.
10. Some kind of relaxation or coffee shop after Shinerama with Upperclassmen waiting on Frosh.
11. All Upperclassmen wear proper identification.
12. More co-operation from other members of Student Services who are not directly serving on the committee
13. Profits go to UPEI Bursary Fund.

At a meeting on March 28, 1978, the Orientation Committee '78 was formed. The Chairman of this Committee is to be Communications Officer Mike McMahon

The other members of the Committee are Marian Basha, Clair Currie, Maria Driscoll, Kevin Gauthier, and Ron Taylor.

The Committee is very interested in hearing any ideas or suggestions concerning the agenda for Orientation, and anything associated with it.

If you are interested in working on this Committee or have suggestions, please contact Mike McMahon

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