

Senate Finally Decides Dean's Term Of Office



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Senate went through a lengthy, but quite productive meeting last Thursday night.

The procedure for choosing a Dean was finally ironed out. The longest debate was over the term of office for a dean which finally ended up as a six year initial appointment with a Presidential review at the end of three years. Also an incumbent Dean is eligible for an additional non-renewable three year term. If the Board of Governors accepts this, then the longest a Dean may be in power is nine consecutive years. But this does not stop a person who was Dean from offering again for the Deanship when the Search committee for a Dean was considering applications for a new Dean, but he cannot apply if he already the Dean. Confusing? It's not really. A Dean may sit for nine consecutive years (providing he or she is good!) then a new Dean is appointed (the old Dean is not eligible) but after the new dean is finished, the old original dean is again eligible for consideration. There were many suggestions put forward about the length of office, one was for a four year renewable term which lost out in voting. It was interesting to note though that the accepted term of office when voted upon was 10 for and 9 against. There were 4 or 5 members missing from the meeting so the motion could have been defeated. Six years is a long time if a Dean should happen to be a not very nice person.

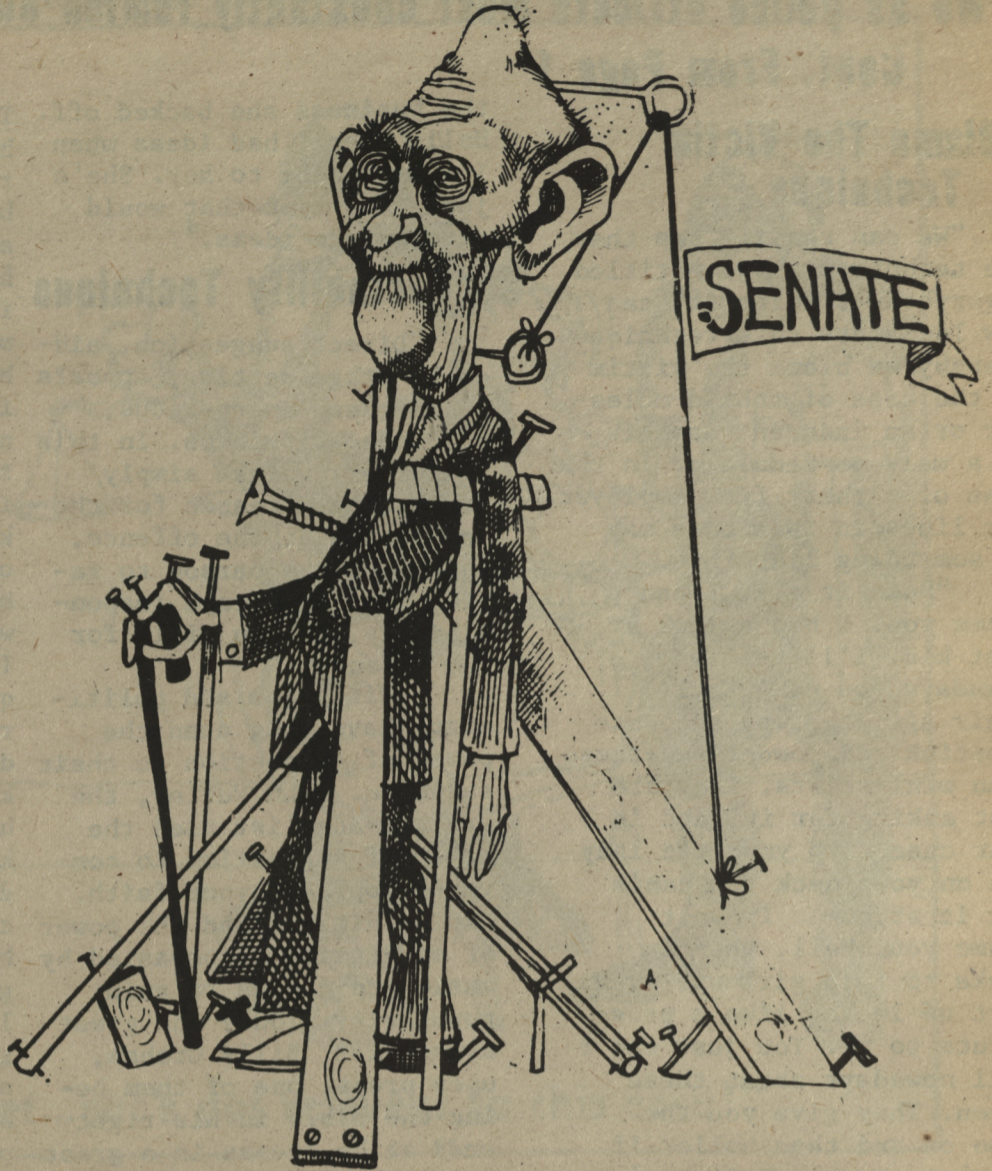
I mentioned a Search Committee for Dean earlier and the composition of the Committee was approved two chairmen from the faculty department, two teaching staff from the faculty, four student members of the faculty and the President or his appointee. This committee will be responsible for appointing a new dean. Again, another interesting

point was that Dean Duffy was the only Senate member who voted against the amendment to expand student representation from 2 to 4 members on the committee. By finally having this procedure agreed upon, the works can be put into operation for choosing a new Dean of Science.

Another big subject was the "performance criteria for the B.ED." This entails a type of screening by a committee for students applying to the education program. This screening was felt very necessary especially for students taking the one year B.ED after the first degree. It was also felt that by having this screening process it would strengthen the quality of the teachers being produced. For students in the four year program the screening process would take place after the sophomore year. It was the overall concern for the quality of teachers being trained that prompted this motion from the Faculty of Education. Students in the faculty were also consulted before this motion was made to the Senate and those students present at the meeting were in favor of this screening procedure.

The Ad-Hoc Committee on Academic Dishonesty was also presented to the Senate, Gary Webster is the chairman with representatives from the three faculties, both student and faculty. Their work should be getting under way in the near future.

The nominations for



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honorary degrees were also presented in the closed session of the meeting. The two names presented were accepted by the Senate and will be made public upon their acceptance of the honor to be bestowed upon them. There was a slight disagreement about the final date for submission of nominees for honorary degrees. I asked the Senate that since the final notice for nominees was publicized during March Break, if they would accept a nomination from the floor in a case of special circumstances. Sorrowfully, after much argument, this suggestion couldn't be fulfilled, so the nomination from certain members of Senate was not presented. Personally, I feel that the whole system or tradition

of honorary degrees should be re-evaluated. Its becoming a habit rather than privilege to honor persons with honorary degrees. The thing is that honorary degrees are not a privilege and not as significant as they used to be. I feel they should be given under very special circumstances and only if a person genuinely deserves it. Why should we always have three honorary degrees? Maybe only one very special person deserves one. But then habits are usually classed as bad rather than good.

Rumor has it that this week four life guards will be appointed by the university. This is just in case someone should drown in the water and ice going to class here at Lake U.P.E.I.

Princeton Survey To Be Presented In Duffy

On Tuesday Night At 7:30

Besides the results of Attitudes Towards Goals for University Education in Prince Edward Island, printed last week in the CADRE, there were an additional 20 questions which dealt with local concerns. Some examples are: Should every course have a formal final

examination; should every student who enters the University be required to take a competency test in English composition and if he fails take a special remedial course; should all faculty members be required to teach a set number of hours per week and should UPEI develop

graduate programs at the Master and Doctoral level?

The results of the 20 local questions and the complete Princeton Survey will be presented in a special forum in DUFFY AMPHITHEATRE this Tuesday night at 7:30.