

DECISION

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Of course, they will still be part of the University, striving as much as before to contribute to its well being. Nevertheless, a separation will soon occur. The "family" will henceforth be divided.

Jim Kelly, Classics -

I am unhappy with the decision because I am afraid that given the actual atmosphere of the university, it can leave Business Administration exposed to some of the serious dangers of overspecialization which would not be good for the business training itself. It can also grant too big a voice for business in the budget and administration of a school which

would essentially be a liberal arts school.

We have been unwilling or unable to commit ourselves to a core of liberal studies and without that commitment, we have no true direction for our overall policies and very little defence against the vagaries of the supply and demand of the marketplace.

Frank Ledwell - Dean of Arts

I, for one, think the change especially healthy for the Faculty of Arts. We can now carry out our mandate to our students in a spirit of unanimity. We will be forced, perhaps, to be a bit more competitive and to do a better job than we ever have. But we welcome that

challenge.

Of course, we will continue to contribute to the liberalizing component in the education of each student at our university. This change does not affect that mandate in any way.

Leon Loucks, Chemistry
Chairman

I agree with the Senate decision to separate Business Admin. from the Arts Faculty. Some people are very uptight about the decision, but in the immediate future no changes will occur in the courses.

The budget won't suffer, but nevertheless it gives them (Business Admin.) an edge to have representatives on certain decision-making committees.

Don MacEwen, Engineering
Chairman..

It is a good thing for any department to gain school status which has progressed like Business. As for professional schools, if the numbers are there, they are justified in existing. I think

the decision will improve the image of the University, in that it may have some impact in attracting students, and it may generate more involvement with the community.

The fact that the university was split half and half is almost a personal think with some of the faculty members.

Rev. T. MacLellan-Religious
Studies Chairman

Educationally and ideally I would prefer to see Business remain in the Faculty of Arts. It would make for a better liberal arts education, especially for the business students. I would prefer a one Dean administrative setup which would achieve better integration. I was not surprised by the closeness of the vote. I'm not sure the best reasons for separating were given. The decision was not made on the basis of good strong argument. It was decided for other reasons. I did not go to the Senate meeting because I dislike confrontation politics.

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Feedbag

Dear Editor

What is happening to this University? After three long weeks of proposals, petitions and reams of red tape, the Senate has finally faced the "Business School Issue" with a vote.

Frankly, it seems that the "issue" has been greatly blown out of proportion. Nonetheless, the future of UPEI's structure was decided by a single vote, not a majority. One vote!! That vote might have come from the Registrar, Michael Hennessey, who gracefully abstained, or it could have come from a student senator who was absent!

It is frightening to think that a deciding or at least, a tying vote was not placed by the people who should care the most about this university's future - the students!!!

Now this is not to say that the new Business School of UPEI will be the end of this academic community. Quite the contrary, our new school of Business may raise UPEI's level of popularity and it's standards. But how are we to know? Where will we be in 5 or 10 years?

Let us hope that this move fulfills the best of it's purposes. Let us hope that this change will result in good will and communication, not in chilled isolation. For

if the latter comes to pass, what of UPEI? Will we be able to call this institution a university? or a feeder college for the professions?

Can we call it a university now? What insurance is there for the graduates that their degrees won't be meaningless if this place goes defunct 10 years down the road?

Where did you get your B.Sc UPEI
Is that a university? Does it have a science department?
Not any more,
Oh, I see, well...'

What do we do if socio-economic trends change and we are stuck with a school of business with only twenty students?

And what about the here and now? Next semester, will Business students be encouraged (obligated) to take courses outside their own field?

With all due respect to the Senate, and those concerned persons on both sides of the issue, I merely wish to express a concern for the future of this academic institution.

Now that we do have a school of business, what does that mean? Is it merely a theoretical structural change and a nice new name? Or does it imply more for this university, and we the students of UPEI?

Heather MacDougall

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