TUITION FEES - PLANNING COMMITTEE DECISIONS

Tuition fees for 1977-78 were discussed by Planning Committee at its meeting on February 16. Greatly increased tuition fees for advanced further education courses were announced last November by Mrs. Shirley Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science.

Planning Committee reluctantly agreed to recommend to Senate and Council tuition fees for next session based on the rates laid down by the Government.

It has been confirmed by the University Grants Committee that the Government will take into account estimated income at these fee levels in arriving at the total recurrent grant for 1977-78. If the University were not to implement the new levels, it would have to find £1½ million to cover the difference.

Points made in the discussion at Planning Committee were:

- although not increased as much as full-time fees, the part-time fees would deter both self-financing students and sponsoring employers.
- representations might be made by the Committee of Vice-Chancellors to the Department of Education and Science in support of nominal fees for part-time post-experience courses, such as were levied in advanced further education;
- the fee increases should be resisted because they were but one move in a Government strategy to restructure higher education.

But it was also recognised that the University could not forego the sum of £1½ million which the increases entailed and it was only possible to press for no increases on the premise that other institutions would likewise subject them therefore forcing the Government to reconsider its policy;

- in conformity with the view of the Senate Committee at its meeting last December, members were above all concerned lest current students terminated their courses prematurely solely because of inability to meet the increased fees. The estimated number of current students who were due to continue next year and who paid their own fees was 340; not all would be unable to finance the increases;
- the Committee should not wait until the UGC grant was known before assigning adequate funds for waivers of fees for continuing students;
- a detailed appraisal of the possible demand for fee waivers and of the procedures for awarding them was in preparation for the next meeting.

The Vice-Chancellor, Sir Denis Wilkinson, said that he would thoroughly deplore any student having to terminate his course on account of the fee increases. The University had no plans to change its existing policies concerning the admission of overseas students.

Lindsay Thomas, President of the Students' Union, said last week that the Union while clearly opposed to the increases, looked to the University to act to prevent students from leaving courses because of additional financial burdens created by the increases. The University should adopt a positive public stance against the fee increases and the Senate motion and the Vice-Chancellor's comments were considered only a starting point.

The Students' Union was deeply concerned over the University's delay in making assurances to self-financed students about financial support, he added. It had been made plain at Planning Committee meeting that if adequate proposals on these matters were not made clear quickly the effect could be to cause unnecessary antagonism just when the greatest unity and co-operation was needed to change the Government's proposals.

Recommended tuition fees for the academic year 1977-78 (1976-77 fees in brackets):

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Other fees:
- D. Litt, DSc: examination fee 100 (100)
- Continuation fee for all awards 30 (25)

Feas at Sussex are slightly higher than the national average because they include examination and registration fees.

The part-time fee is based on the UGC's assumption that income from such fees will increase by 25 per cent.
PLANNING COMMITTEE

Copying and duplicating

Possible ways of reducing costly expenditure on copying and duplicating were considered by Planning Committee on February 16.

After discussion of a paper by the Bursar, which accompanied a 1976 working party report, the following recommendations were approved:

* a central machine room in Sussex House should be equipped with a simple offset litho machine to take work for the Administration and on a voluntary basis from the Science Area; the present machine room in the Arts and Social Studies Area should be retained;
* a plain paper copier should be located in each major building;
* stencil duplicators and ancillary equipment should be sold off or put on stand-by duties only;
* charges made by each machine room to users should be based on the same principles: to University units to cover all direct costs (rental, maintenance, materials, labour) and to non-University units and private users to include also an addition for overheads;
* the Printing Unit should be put on the same footing and the charge for rent and management should be removed from its budget, subject to agreement between the Finance Officer and main spending units on adjustments to budgets;
* an advisory group to all units on reprographic services should be established.

It was anticipated that these recommendations would save some £60 per p.p.

Library accommodation

A further report by the Librarian on the implications of the UGC's report on the capital requirements of university libraries (the Atkinson report) was received by Planning Committee.

The UGC had appeared to retreat somewhat from the rigidity with which the 'self-renewal' policy had been enshrined in the report when first introduced. The Librarian noted that the UGC had set up a steering group to conduct research into many of the problems raised by the universities on the report.

(It was later reported that a steering committee is being set up under Dr. Anne Whittemore, Vice-Principal of Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, and a member of the UGC. It will comprise UGC members, librarians and representatives of various research interests and will prepare a series of research studies. Topics include the costs and best methods of relegateing stock to storage and the needs of research.)

Following a careful re-examination of space in the University Library expansion of book-stock up to 1981 is expected to be accommodated within the existing building, the Librarian estimated. Thereafter additional space would be required and justified on the new norms.

The Librarian added that given the lead time for building projects, he would need to know by the end of next year whether a building project would be completed in about 1973: what alternative strategies would have to be explored.

The Committee noted the report and that the Library had a strong case for consideration when bids for capital projects were next invited by the UGC.

Overseas relations

Suggestions for improving the present structure for co-ordinating overseas relations were considered by Planning Committee.

It was agreed that the preferred alternative, among those given in a paper presented by the Registrar, was for Schools and Area Committees to be both more formal in the handling of overseas relations and better co-ordinated through Area and University offices. This would make the overall co-ordination of the three academic areas work more feasible within the present structure.

The Registrar is to prepare a note on the basis of discussion with the Area Officers for further report to the Committee.

Validation of Academic Awards

Following Senate's rejection of its proposals for a review of the structure for the validation of academic awards, Planning Committee received a paper which suggested three alternatives.

The Vice-Chancellor reminded the Committee of the renewed uncertainty about the nature and extent of the University's role in validation, following the Secretary of State's proposal that teacher training should cease at the East Sussex College of Higher Education.

There was little support within the Committee for the most radical restructuring put forward in the paper. A clear preference was expressed for a modified status quo. It was agreed that a further paper should be prepared for the next meeting in the light of the discussion and that the Colleges Advisory Board should be asked for its views on the issues.

Handicapped Students

The recommendations of the Handicapped Students Working Group, and a report of discussions between the Chairman of the Community Services Review Body and the Group on its implications, were considered by Planning Committee.

After discussion, the Committee agreed that:

* the possibility should be pursued of obtaining a private donation to finance the capital liability of £7,000 for Kulukundis House;
* administrative responsibility for Kulukundis House should be transferred to Community Services;
* in transferring administrative responsibility, the University should underwrite the debt on the Kulukundis House budget resulting from, and to the extent of, the underoccupancy of the House and from any failure on the part of the local authorities to meet the additional charges normally payable in the case of registered homes for disabled persons;
* detailed recommendations on the day-to-day running of Kulukundis House should be considered by the officers responsible;
* the views of the Admissions Committee should be upheld that (a) Deans should be asked to prepare lists of courses which might be unsuitable for handicapped students, the purpose being to discourage group placements rather than to deter applications and (b) the University should reserve the right to require a student to reside in Kulukundis House as a condition of the offer of a place;
* £1,000 should be made available for improving access to and from University buildings;
* the establishment of a Handicapped Persons Advisory Group was approved in principle, but the Community Services Review Body should be asked to consider the Group's organisational location in the light of its own deliberations.

Dates of terms

The Committee failed to agree on proposals that the autumn term should be shortened by two working days and the summer term be extended by five working days from 1980-81. The issue will therefore go to Senate for decision without any further recommendation from the Planning Committee.
WAVERS OF FEE INCREASES 1977

As reported on page 1, Planning Committee has recommended to the University Council that tuition fees should be increased for 1977-78 to about the levels announced by the Government. Some students who are on courses continuing into next year may not be able to meet the increased fees, and to help them the Government has made funds available from which waivers may be granted. The University does not yet know how much of this fund will be allocated.

Nevertheless, Planning Committee has asked for information to be collected as soon as possible, which can be used to assess how much money might be needed to ensure that no student should terminate his or her course prematurely solely on account of the fee increase. All full-time students who this year paid their fees direct to the University (rather than having the fees invoiced to a grant-making body) are being sent a notice with a short questionnaire on whether they consider they will need a waiver of fee increase in order to be able to continue their courses. This notice is going to pigeon holes, and any student who thinks he or she should have received a copy but has not by the end of the week, should contact the Secretary’s Office, Room 311, Sussex House.

Sending back the questionnaire will not cost the student anything, but will help the University to give as much help as is feasible to the students directly affected by the increases.

IN BRIEF

RESEARCH SUCCESS

In the story on "Continuing Research Success" in the last issue of The Bulletin, some of the quoted figures related only to income from research grants. When income from research contracts is added, the results show that 19 per cent - or £1,528,000 - of Sussex University's income in 1974-75 came from research grants and contracts, against a national average of 12 per cent.

When comparisons are then made, Sussex retains its league table position in second place out of a total of 49 universities. The league champion changes - from Cambridge to Oxford!

SPECIAL LECTURE

A Professorial Inaugural Lecture entitled "Ideal Forms: Poetry and Art in the French Renaissance" will be given by Professor Margaret McGowan, Professor of French at Sussex, on Tuesday, March 8.

The lecture is organised by the Centre for Continuing Education and is open to the public. It will take place in the Molecular Sciences Lecture Theatre at 6.30 p.m.

OVERSEAS RELATIONS OFFICE

The last Bulletin carried a note concerning a label service to overseas universities and institutions. The price of such a service would be £3 per 1,000, not £3 per 100 as stated. This, of course, makes the price minute in relation to the cost of clerical time.

ACCOMMODATION - BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA, SUMMER 1977

I have details of what I believe to be very good accommodation (a 1-bedroom apartment, fully furnished) available in Berkeley from early June to early September. Rent £250 p.m.

The apartment is on the North Side, within walking distance of the campus.

Will anyone interested get in touch with Professor R.P.C. Mutter, Arts DG08 (int. tel. 03-417).

ADDRESSING MACHINE

The Sussex House machine room possesses an Elliott addressing machine that uses stencil-type masks to address envelopes for circular mailing. It is no longer in use, and is offered at a purely nominal charge to any campus organization that can make use of it.

A letter-opening machine at present not in use is also offered, on indefinite loan at no cost to any campus organization.

Please contact Deryck Bowman (Sussex House, int. tel. 05-138) before the end of March.

The Former Sussex Students Association is gradually tracing its 10,000 plus potential members. This is quite a task, and it is not helped by the fact that a significant proportion of the letters sent to the last known address of former students come back marked 'Demolished', 'Gone Away', 'Not Known', 'Return to Sender'.

The Association was set up about 16 months ago to promote the interests of former students of the University in as many ways as possible, and to help former students maintain contact with the University, the Union and each other.

The Association would like to appeal to all members of faculty who do have contacts, however infrequent, with former students to remember to include a brief note of its existence in any correspondence.

An intake with a surprisingly high proportion of members is the first, that of 1961. So, if you know the whereabouts of any of the following - who have not yet been traced - the Association would like to hear from you:

Anne Baker, Andrew Bassam, Christopher Bristow, Jennifer Charleston, Elizabeth Cohen, Frances Coles, Timothy Coley, Averil Coulth, Patrick Craven, John Cumberland, Roger Daw, Diana Dawes, Deborah Dobbin, James Donnelly, Michael Fineberg, Thomas Fowke, Bridgid Geary, Elizabeth Hadlam, Granville Hawkins, Leslie Hobbs, Elizabeth Holland, David Holman.


If anyone can help, please contact one of the following: Steve Carter, Sussex House; Paddy O'Reilly, Falmer House; Wal Simon, Arts & Social Studies Office.
TELEPHONE SAVINGS
Substantial reductions in real expenditure on telephones have been achieved since October 1975 as a result of the University's policy to curtail facilities for GPO calls. The reductions were achieved in a period when there was a 70 per cent rise in Post Office charges.

The number of metered units in 1975-76 was only two-thirds of that in 1974-75.

The Bursar reported on the savings to Planning Committee at its meeting on February 16.

Metered units recorded since August 1973 were:
1.8.73 - 31.7.74 1,612,434 units
1.8.74 - 31.7.75 1,507,429 units
1.8.75 - 31.7.76 957,617 units

The units consumed in 1975-76 represent a saving of 34.6 per cent compared with the previous year which itself showed a saving of 6.5 per cent compared with 1973-74.

Metered units take into account not only the number and duration of telephone calls but also the rate at which they are being charged. For instance, the same call made in the afternoon will register fewer units than if made in the morning.

Measures taken to reduce telephone expenditure were begun in August 1974 with the introduction of shared

lines for many academic and other
offices and elimination of expensive
107/105 secretarial systems.

More stringent measures were taken on October 23, 1975 with the introduction of a general ban on outgoing trunk calls between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. and closure of the exchange from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. These restrictions produced an even more striking saving than is suggested by the above figures. In the 40 weeks from October 23, 1975 to July 31, 1976, 729,077 units were registered. This represents a rate of 948,000 per annum, a saving of 37.1 per cent compared with 1974-75.

It is calculated that these savings represented a financial benefit to the University of more than £12,500 in 1975-76.

As the unit charge increases, the benefits in financial terms will clearly increase proportionately.

In addition to the savings on call charges, the introduction of shared lines saved £2,023 in rental charges in 1974-75, a saving of more than £4,000 per annum at current rental rates.

The Bursar told Planning Committee that the co-operation of telephone users had been remarkable and that the University had a right to congratulate itself on achieving worthwhile economies.

FIRE ALARMS
At about 12.05 each day a siren is sounded on campus. This is the daily testing of the University's fire alarm system, which in a real emergency would bring the fire brigade out to the campus, and which alerts the University's own emergency services.

For those of us not involved in the emergency services, the siren should be ignored. The warning to act upon is the alarm bell ringing in your particular building. With the zoning of areas of the Science complex now being undertaken, and with the Arts area to follow, bells will sound only in the affected area of a building.

If a fire were discovered, for example, in the Unit of Nitrogen Fixation, the person discovering the fire must break the glass fire alarm. Bells would then ring only in the affected part of the MOLS UNF UICP building complex. Only people in the zones where bells are sounding need evacuate.

If other areas or zones are thought to be threatened by a primary incident, further evacuation can be achieved by emergency services operating fire alarms in other zones.

Peter Ballance
University Safety and Radiation Protection Officer.

SCOUP - 77
The University of Sussex will be host to a three-day Safety Conference for Universities and Polytechnics, SCOUP - 77, to be held this summer.

Great interest has already been shown by other universities, medical schools and polytechnics, particularly from professorial and senior academic staff, who between them may be sending more than 250 delegates to the conference, which takes place on July 5, 6 and 7.

An impressive list of principal speakers has been arranged, and in addition to formal addresses the conference will devote much of its time to detailed study in small discussion groups of particular aspects of safety. Questions arising from these groups will be put in the final session of the conference to a panel consisting of most of the main speakers.

Principal speakers include Sir Brian Windeyer, formerly Vice-Chancellor of the University of London, formerly Chairman of the National Radiological Protection Board and a member of the Robens Committee; Professor Bryan Harvey, formerly the Chief Inspector of Factories and first Deputy Chairman of the Health and Safety Executive; and Mr. David Richardson, Director of the Safety and General Group of the H. & S. Executive. Mr. Jim Hamilton, the T.U.C.'s specialist in Occupational Health and Safety; Miss Nora Curry, Senior Principal Inspector in the H. & S. Execu-
tive who is currently making a detailed study of the particular problems of universities; and others equally well recognised as being experts in their particular fields will also be speaking.

The programme includes a reception for delegates by the Vice-Chancellor and the Chairman of the Safety Committee of the University, followed by a formal dinner.

A trade exhibition of safety apparatus and equipment of particular interest to universities and other institutions carrying out similar teaching and research work will be held in association with the conference. Between 40 and 50 firms have indicated that they wish to have exhibition space.

The conference fee, which includes lunches, the reception and dinner and, at a later date, a copy of the Report of the Proceedings, is £15.00, residential accommodation extra.

Further details can be obtained from the conference organiser, Mr. H.T.V. Church.
Where Sussex Graduates Went

It is difficult to find any cheerful new about employment at the moment. The latest forecasts predict a possible rise in the national unemployment total to more than two million and already we are fast approaching the 1½ million mark.

It was therefore a welcome surprise to find in analysing the results of the first destination survey of Sussex graduates for 1976 that our returns indicated a very similar picture to that which obtained in 1975.

Early last year the Standing Conference of University Appointments Services (SCUAS) and the Standing Conference of Employers of Graduates (SCOEG) forecast a 5% increase in the numbers of those graduating from universities and polytechnics in 1976 and likely to be available for employment and a 10% reduction in the number of posts traditionally taken up by graduates.

Although these forecasts are difficult to make with a great degree of accuracy, it does look as though this is just about how things turned out. There was a significant reduction in traditional graduate-level jobs but the result was not a 15% increase in unemployment amongst graduates because the openings available to them are in a sense almost unlimited. There are, for example, many fields in which employers will consider both graduates and school leavers and some which have traditionally been filled mainly by school leavers but which graduates are now entering.

The national figures for graduate unemployment at the end of last year are not yet available but when they are published in a few months time will probably show an increase to 8% or 9% of those whose destinations were known compared with a figure, for university graduates, of 6% in 1975.

The Sussex figures are shown in the table and have been compared with our figures for 1975 and the totals for all university graduates in that year.

It can be seen from the table that there was some fall in the proportion of our students going on to further academic work, reflecting perhaps the increased competition for postgraduate grants, and a resulting increase in the proportions entering permanent employment. It was pleasing to note however a marginal improvement in the unemployment figure in a more difficult employment market.

It is perhaps worth remembering that some who gained permanent employment were not in jobs normally associated with a graduate's level of ability and that those classified as being in temporary employment were still seeking more permanent posts. Thus about one in five of our graduates were not finally fixed up in jobs or on further courses some six months after leaving the University when the figures are collected. Furthermore there is some evidence to show that amongst those whose destinations were unknown, those who are therefore excluded from the table, there are quite a number who were unemployed or in temporary jobs.

The percentage unemployed in arts, social science and pure science subjects was very similar but the level for applied scientists was considerably lower. A significantly higher proportion of arts graduates were however in temporary jobs perhaps reflecting the greater length of time which they often require to find permanent posts which are satisfactory for them.

For those who entered permanent employment, the percentage who went into central and local government fell, while the proportion going into industry and commerce rose. This indicates the effect of government policies aimed at diverting resources towards productive industry at the expense of public sector employment. Certainly in 1976 we saw a very sharp reduction in opportunities in the public services.

Forecasts for 1977 unfortunately indicate another difficult year ahead for graduates, particularly for those wishing to enter the public sector.

The SCUAS/SCOEG forecasts this year indicate an increase in graduates available for employment of around 10% (a 4% increase in numbers graduating but a higher proportion likely to be looking for jobs) and a 4% increase in jobs available, with virtually all the increasing opportunities in industry.

It will therefore again be very important for students to spread their applications widely and to apply in good time. There are signs that many have taken note of the situation and are applying to organisations visiting the University to hold recruitment interviews this term. Certainly the Occupational Advisory Service has been stretched to its limits, particularly in the Autumn term.

Other students may not yet appreciate that many major employers will have completed the selection of the graduates whom they require by about May and these would be well advised to take some action now.

Members of the University who would like copies of the detailed statistical report on the First Destination of Sussex Graduates 1976 can obtain this from the OAS or by telephoning 04-604.

Geoffrey Prior-Wandesforde
Occupational Advisory Service.

First Destination of University First Degree Graduates
( % of those whose destinations were known)

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(* This category includes overseas students returning home, those who are sponsored by employers while at university and those not available to take up employment for other reasons.)*

The Occupational Advisory Service will be running a further Self Presentation Course on Monday, March 7, in order to meet continuing interest in the idea. Three two-hour sessions will be held, during which students can practice being interviewed and discuss applications in a friendly and informal atmosphere.

An IBM aptitude test is being organised by the OAS on Wednesday, March 9. Students interested in testing their ability should sign-on at the OAS.

If you are interested in participating in these items please contact the OAS, Refectory Terrapins. (Int.tel. 04-666 or 04-625)
REVIEW OF INTERVIEW POLICY IN ARTS AND SOCIAL STUDIES

The Arts and Social Studies Area Sub-Group on Admissions has agreed to review the current policy of interviewing candidates applying through UCCA for admission to undergraduate courses.

The Admissions Office is preparing a report aimed at providing information, and outlining implications which might result from any changes in policy.

The report will include information about the financial costs and faculty time involved in interviewing, practice at other universities, views of headmasters and applicants, and other statistical data.

In addition the report hopes to incorporate informal views received from members of various subject groups. Members of subject groups are therefore invited to put forward views on the issue.

Anyone wishing to comment should write to Mr. L.A. Sasa, Assistant Admissions Officer, in Sussex House, by no later than Friday, March 18.

CODE OF CONFIDENTIALITY

Some members of faculty have asked about the note in The Bulletin of January 18 which reminded staff and faculty of the existing position under the code, which was adopted as University policy in 1974.

Confidentiality is also mentioned in a note at the end of most conditions of service which states that all members of the University are expected to treat as confidential all information of a private nature concerning individuals which they may learn in the course of their duties, and not to communicate it to others unless required to do so by law or for the proper purposes of University business, or with the consent of the individual concerned.

The code is a set of principles laid down by the Senate governing the safeguarding of confidentiality in respect of records of personal information held by the University, for employees of the University to apply in the carrying out of their University duties.

S.C.B. - UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S GROUP SOCIAL EVENING

On Friday, March 18, at 8 p.m. there will be a talk entitled "Shine Wines" by Mr. A.O.L. Grillo of Hedges & Butler Limited. There will be an opportunity to taste seven different wines. Tickets at 50p each from Mr. L. Ricketts, Sussex House.

ARTS CENTRE

- Tomorrow evening marks the first of three performances of "Kemp's Jig" at the Gardner Centre Theatre. Will Kemp was one of Shakespeare's leading comic actors. He left the company in a fit of pique and being reluctant not only as a clown, but also for his Morris dancing, he set off to dance the 125 miles from Norwich to London.

The show, at the Gardner Centre from March 2 to 4, is based on the adventures and misadventures he encountered on the way. It stars Chris Harris, a multi-talented actor who wows with mime, song, music and dance - not to mention a bit of the Bard - to illustrate this hilarious and often touching evening.

Chris Harris will also be performing his "Clowns Workshop" subtitled "How to make a fool of yourself and get away with it", at 11 a.m. on March 3 and 4.

- Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" will be performed at the Gardner Centre next week, from March 8 to 12, in a University of Sussex Theatre Club and Gardner Centre co-production. The play is being presented in Elizabethan period costume and will be under the professional direction of Colin Fisher.

SPORT

FIELD DAY

Field Day is tomorrow, March 2. This is the one day in the year when something like 2,000 students from all the colleges in Sussex and the University campus to compete in more than 20 different sports, including tiddley-winks, beer drinking, women's rugby and women's soccer.

Most of the action will be taking place in the Sports Pavilion and the Polytechnic at Falmer. Each event is played on a knockout basis and points are scored which go towards the two Field Day cups presented to the college with the most points in the men's section and the women's section.