MORE SENATE TALKS ON S.P.C.


The Senate is to discuss again the issues surrounding the procedures of the Students' Progress Committee. After a long debate at its meeting last Wednesday, Senate urged that a formal paper should be prepared and considered at its meeting in December. The paper will be produced after further discussions between representatives of the Students' Union and members of the Students' Progress Committee.

Senate's debate on the Students' Progress Committee continued in darkness when the University suffered a 10 minute power cut late in the afternoon.

Earlier in the meeting, Senate approved a recommendation that the title of Emeritus Professor should be conferred on Professor David Dalchon who retired as Professor of English at the end of the 1976-77 academic year.

Senate approved the title of Professorial Fellow for Dr. Constantine Vaitson, Fellow in the Institute of Development Studies.

Agreed that next year's Summer Graduation Ceremonies should be held in the Dome on Tuesday, July 11.

Expressed its pleasure at the gift of further Woolf letters and memorabilia made by Mrs. I. Parsons. The items will be housed with the Woolf archive in the Library.

Joined with the Vice-Chancellor in paying tribute to the late Reginald M Phillips of Brighton, an outstanding benefactor and friend of the University.

Committee Memberships

The Vice-Chancellor reported that following a further round of Senate elections held earlier this term, Professor G.F.A. Best and Professor N. Winch had been elected to membership of the Council for 1977-78. Their election fills the previous vacancies for Senate-elected members of the Council.

Vacancies in the membership of the Honorary Degrees Committee are to be filled by Professor M.M. McGoogan and Mr. J.E. Simmonds whose appointments were confirmed by the Senate.

AUT PROTEST DAY

The Association of University Teachers national meeting and lobby of Parliament takes place tomorrow, Wednesday, November 16. The meeting begins at 2.00 p.m. at Central Hall, Westminster and is followed by the lobby from 3.30 p.m. Full support is being called for by the AUT from all local branches.

Transport is being arranged to take Sussex members to London, leaving from Falmer House at 11.30 a.m. The cost is £1.00 and tickets are obtainable from Dr. N.J. Holloway, Physics 3 SC17 (09-250)

A further general meeting of the local branch of the AUT was due to take place yesterday to discuss the following motion submitted by the executive:

"In support of the national campaign for an end to the pay freeze for all university teachers and related staff, this Branch calls on all AUT members to withdraw all of their services to the University on Wednesday, November 16, 1977."

As reported in the last issue of The Bulletin, the Vice-Chancellor has rejected the request from the AUT to close the University on November 16. He has said that he believes that it would not be appropriate to close the University. "The University has a responsibility to ensure that facilities are available to its students and to all its staff, most of whom are not members of the AUT, including those members of faculty who elect not to participate in the meetings in London."

BLOOD DONORS

Two hundred and seven people gave blood when the Blood Donor Unit visited campus last summer. If you would like to improve on this total, come along next week to the Meeting House when the Transfusion Service will be holding sessions as follows:

Monday, November 21
2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
5 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 22
9.30 a.m. - 12 noon
2 p.m. - 4.15 p.m.
### PLANNING COMMITTEE

**PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5.**

The University's final accounts for 1976-77 were approved by Planning Committee at its meeting on November 2. Expenditure for the year was approximately £8,538,000, a lower figure than expected. In a year of increased financial pressure, the University added more than £350,000 to its reserves.

A notional surplus of £126,060 was converted into an actual surplus of £395,056, mainly because budgets were underspent by some £223,000. £149,000 was added to spending units' cumulative balances.

Approximate expenditure for the year ended July 31, 1977 is set out below:

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**Total:** £8,538 £8,761

Recommendations agreed by Planning Committee included:

- the cost of the Special Posts Pool in 1976-77 should be met from general funds and £29,376 be returned to the Annual Fund;
- the Catering deficit of £15,300 should be written off against central funds;
- £7,000 of the cumulative surplus on the Isle of Thorns account should be transferred to the Major Repairs Fund to meet the cost of several significant jobs which needed to be carried out at the Isle of Thorns in 1977-78;
- the balances on the Safety and Sussex University Press Accounts should be carried forward;
- the residual surplus of about £139,000 should be transferred to the Quinquennial Equilibration Account;
- the cost of improving the ventilation of the Animal House, about £20,000, should be met in 1977-78 from the unallocated balance on the Revenue Contribution to Capital Expenditure Account.

Council was due to consider the recommendations at its meeting last Friday. The audited accounts will be presented to Court at its Annual General meeting on December 16.

### British Universities and Overseas Development

A conference entitled "Future relations between universities in Britain and developing countries" will be held at the University from March 17 to 20 next year. A steering committee has been formed with Dr. J.L. Griffiths as Chairman, and Professor D.P. Brewer, Mr. R. Brown, Mr. P.K. Chaudhuri, Mr. T.W. Gee, Professor B.D. Graham and the Planning Officer.

**Conferences**

A paper on the operation of the Conference Account and other matters relating to conference facilities was considered by Planning Committee.

The Committee agreed to amend the formula which has been in operation for four years, under which the Conference Account contributes to the general expenses of the Accommodation Account. The formula is to be amended to take account of the changes to be made between the average conference room charge and the normal student charge. This will be reviewed every three years.

It was also agreed that part of the cost of the Conference Office should be charged to the Catering Account.

The priority which should be given in the allocation of residential accommodation to the University during the summer vacation to former students who have completed their courses, should be considered by the Accommodation Committee, it was agreed. The arrangements for allocation and booking general teaching space during vacations is to be examined.

Further building work in the Refectory should be undertaken Planning Committee agreed, to provide much needed additional space for conference catering. It was agreed that if a UGC grant was not available, a loan of about £35,000 should be made from the Reserve Fund to the Catering Department for the extension of the mezzanine floor dining rooms by roofing in the terrace at the south end of the Refectory.

### Stammer House

Brighton Borough Council had given notice that it would not renew the University's lease on Stammer House when it expired in 1980, the Vice-Chancellor reported. The Borough intend to develop the House as an 'interpretive centre' for Stammer Park.

### Building work

During August the University was notified of an additional grant of £30,000 from the UGC for work to help alleviate unemployment in the building industries. The grant is being used for:

- work to meet fire certificate requirements in Estates & Maintenance Building, Sussex House, Mantell Building and Library: £10,750;
- safety alterations: hydrogen lines, inspection controls on lifts, gas main duct, modifications to fuse cupboards: £14,250;
- access for the disabled to the Library: £5,000.

### UGC Building Programme

The UGC might have rather more funds for capital building in 1978-79 than previously expected, the Vice-Chancellor reported. The extra funds, to stimulate the construction industry, would be for projects which could be quickly put in hand and which would not take long to complete. It was therefore agreed that the Vice-Chancellor should inform the UGC that Sussex was willing to go ahead with a part of Arts V, but that the University would not necessarily want to use all the space created for more Arts students but might consider relieving other pressures, such as rehousing the Counselling Services units in a permanent building and demolishing the Refectory Terrains.

### East Slope Residences

Serious defects in the windows and weather boarding of the East Slope residences, Stage I, had arisen, the Vice-Chancellor reported. In consultation with the Chairman of Council he had authorised a further loan of £100,000 to be raised so that repairs could be put in hand. The possibility of legal action to recover these costs was being investigated.

### Capital Costs of Major Buildings

An analysis of the capital costs of the University's major buildings from 1962 to 1977, was received by Planning Committee. It was pleased to note that overall the final account had been some two per cent less than the contract sums. (Copies of the paper are available from the Bursar's Office.)
UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMITTEE

Reports on university affairs are liberally sprinkled with references to the UGC, CVCP, DES, USR, UAP, etc. In a series of occasional articles throughout this year, The Bulletin hopes to be able to explain something of the organisations behind the initials. This first article deals with the work of the University Grants Committee - the UGC.

It is the job of the University Grants Committee to distribute the funds made available by Parliament for the universities. The UGC was set up in 1919 as an intermediary between the State and the universities, to enable public funds to be distributed to the universities without direct Government intervention.

The status of universities as autonomous institutions which are dependent on the State for the greater part of their funds is central to the UGC's functions and methods of work.

The normal methods of control of Government expenditure could not be applied without direct Government intervention in the affairs of individual universities in a manner irremissible with their academic freedom. Interposition of the UGC between Government and universities is the solution adopted 58 years ago and endorsed by successive governments of all parties.

Its terms of reference are: "To enquire into the financial needs of university education in Great Britain; to advise the Government as to the application of any grants made by Parliament towards meeting them; to collect, examine and make available information relating to university education throughout the United Kingdom; and to assist, in consultation with the universities and other bodies concerned, the preparation and execution of such plans for the development of the universities as may from time to time be required in order to ensure that they are wholly adequate to national needs."

UGC membership

The UGC is not a statutory body and there is no legislation governing its existence. Its members are appointed by the Secretary of State for Education and Science and all serve in an individual capacity. They spend about one-fifth of their time on the Committee's business; otherwise they are actively engaged in their professions. Apart from the Chairman, Sir Frederick Dainton, who is full-time, there are normally 20 members, most of whom are from universities, and the remainder from other sectors of education and from industry.

Two members of the Sussex academic faculty are currently serving on the Committee: Professor J. Cruickshank and Professor J.C. West.

The Education Departments and the Research Councils have assessors on the Committee, but they have no responsibility for Committee decisions. The Committee reports to the Secretary of State and its advice to the Government is confidential.

There is also a system of advisory sub-committees covering a wide range of academic subjects and working parties are also set up from time to time to consider particular problems, for example, on libraries.

The grant system

Forty-three universities (34 in England, one in Wales and eight in Scotland) and two business schools are on the UGC grant list.

The UGC prepares the case to the Government periodically for the overall financial needs of the universities, after examining the universities' own estimates and proposals. The total sums to be made available are fixed by the Government, but the UGC decides the allocation of these sums between the individual universities.

Three broad categories of expenditure are covered: recurrent, non-recurrent and equipment. The UGC is not concerned with grants to individual students or with students' union subscriptions.

Recurrent grants

Recurrent grants are allocated as a block sum to cover staff salaries, running costs of departments, laboratories, libraries, maintenance of premises and so on. Until recent years, total recurrent grant was settled on a quinquennial basis after discussions between the Committee and the Government. The amounts of recurrent grant were allocated as between individual universities as annual sums for each year of the five-year period.

The total grant was not normally increased during the quinquennium except to help meet costs reflecting major changes in Government policy; increases in academic salaries approved by the Government; or rising prices (assessed on the basis of the Index of University Costs prepared by Professor A.J.Brown of Leeds University).

Since 1974-75, however, because of the pace of inflation the quinquennial settlement has been suspended and financing has been on a year by year basis, although in announcing the 1977-78 grant, the Secretary of State also announced provisional figures for the following three years as a basis for planning. Important features of the original quinquennial system remain: notably the principle of a block grant to each university from which annual surpluses and deficits can be carried forward.

The universities' recurrent grant for 1977-78 is £562,920, of which £6,568,000 is for Sussex.

Non-recurrent grants

These are made for four specific purposes:

* financing approved building work,
* purchase of sites and properties,
* payment of professional fees,
* furnishing of buildings not covered by the furniture/equipment grant.

The first of these is by far the greatest in terms of annual expenditure. The Government determines the total value of grant-aided building work which may be started within a given financial year (beginning April 1). The distribution of university building programmes within the total is decided by the UGC, which is also responsible for controlling standards and costs.

Furniture/equipment grants

Each university is provided with an annual sum fixed for a period of years in advance and related to the building programme and student numbers. Universities are free to accumulate the money and to deploy it as they think best, both on the replacement of furniture and equipment in existing buildings and on the initial provision for new buildings.

For 1977-78 the University of Sussex was allocated £337,000, the total grant to all universities being £35.1m. Provisional figures were also announced for the following three years.

Planning university development

In assessing the financial needs of the universities, the UGC has to take account not only of the plans put forward by individual universities but of other factors such as the demand from students for university places, national needs for qualified graduates and the likely availability of resources.

The UGC is therefore closely concerned with the future size and balance of universities, both in terms of student numbers and resources. It produces a broad central strategy of development, for the universities as a whole and for each university. This involves close contact with the universities collectively (through the committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals) and individually, and with the Government.

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**University budgetary autonomy**

Recurrent grants are given in the main as annual block grants, without strings. Each university determines the internal distribution of its grant. Earmarked grants are occasionally made in order to stimulate a particular development, but they are incorporated in the block grants as soon as possible.

The freedom of discretion afforded to universities by the block grant principle is qualified in practice by convention. Universities accept that it is the UGC's business to set the general strategy and that, while they are free to plan their own development in the light of their particular circumstances, they have a responsibility for exercising this freedom within the framework of national needs and in the light of guidance from the UGC.

Non-recurrent grants are earmarked in that they are given for specific capital projects and cannot be used for a different project without the consent of the UGC.

The way the UGC works

The Committee meets once a month, except in August, with special meetings arranged if necessary. It holds meetings with the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals and with the Association of University Teachers. It keeps in close touch with Government Departments, Research Councils, and other bodies concerned with higher education.

University officers are in regular contact with UGC officers, and the UGC, as a Committee, visits each university at least once every five years. This year's visit was made at the request of the UGC party met groups of staff, students and University officials. They had discussions with the Vice-Chancellors, other officers, members of the University concerned with teaching and research, academic support services, and community services, and ended the day by meeting members of the University Council.

During these visits no subjects of interest to a university are barred from discussion, but the Committee likes to consider such matters as plans for academic development, the balance between teaching and research, teaching methods, library services, “inter-faculty” and “inter-departmental” cooperation, channels of communication, staff/student relations and student welfare. These visits are not ‘inspections’ and no decisions are taken, but they give the Committee an opportunity to acquaint itself at first hand with individual universities’ policies and problems.

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**The Establishment Office has issued the following current list of non-academic posts within the University which are to be filled.** Job descriptions for all the posts listed are displayed on noticeboards. The list was compiled at the end of November 8.

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**Electoral Registration**

Notice to all students and staff of the University resident in University

property on the University site on the qualifying date of

October 10, 1977

1. In terms of the Representation of the People Acts, the University is asked as occupier of the University site to make a return to the Electoral Registration Officer of persons eligible for inclusion in the 1978 Register of Electors as residents on the University campus on the qualifying date of October 10, 1977. A return of eligible voters has been made to the Electoral Registration Officer, who has been compiled from the accommodation records of the University and is correct to the best of the knowledge and belief of the Officers compiling that return.

2. The return made to the Electoral Registration Officer was made up in accordance with the criteria of eligibility for inclusion in the Register.

3. N.B. The following people were not included in the University Return:

a) Dependents of registered students, e.g. spouses

b) Those students who had failed to notify the University of their local address by the qualifying date.

The appropriate forms for inclusion in the 1978 Register of Electors can be obtained from the Student Records Office.

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4. Any person whose 18th birthday is on or before February 16, 1978 and who has not been included in the return, but who will only be entitled to vote at elections held on or after the date of their 18th birthday.

5. The purpose of this notice is to inform you that the Register of Electors will be published in a draft form on November 28, 1977 and can be checked at (a) the Post Office in Sussex House, or (b) the University Library, or (c) the offices of Brighton Borough Council, (Town Clerk's Department, Town Hall, Brighton) during the period November 28 - December 16, 1977.

If anyone wishes to check the accuracy of the draft Register, he/she is advised to consult the Register at one of the above addresses during the period indicated.

6. After the period during which the Register is open to checking by any member of the public, the Electoral Registration Officer draws up the final Register and publishes it on February 16, 1978. This Register remains in force for twelve months from that date and cannot be altered during that period.

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**Domestic (c) Student Accommodation**

**Bursar (g) Refectory**

**Stores (e) Engineering & Applied Sciences (Temporary & part-time)**

**Generalist (c) Arts & Social Studies Office (IA)**

Information given after each post relates to the grade at which the vacancy will be filled.

The code given before each post indicates the person to whom applications should be sent:

(a) Mrs. S. Boterhoven, Arts & Social Studies Office, Arts D.
(b) Mr. M. D. Carr, Science Office, Sussex House.
(c) C. B. Kellett, Establishment Office, Sussex House.
(d) Librarian, Library
(e) Laboratory Superintendent, Engineering & Applied Sciences.
(f) Laboratory Superintendent, Mathematical & Physical Sciences.
(g) Catering Manager, Refectory.
(h) J. F. Armitage, Mantell Building.
(i) Registrar & Secretary.
CENTRE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

KAFKA AND THE TRIAL

The Centre for Continuing Education is organising a Saturday School on Kafka on December 3 at the University. Lecturers and tutors will include Professor A.K. Thorlby, Dr. E. Jephcott, Mr. G. Bearn and Mr. J. A. Lane, with convener Mr. J. T. Hodgson. The fee is £1.75 to include coffee and tea and further information and application forms are available from the Centre in the Education Development Building.

MARITAL RELATIONSHIPS

A second Weekend School on "Conflict and Marriage in the Marital Relationship" will be held on December 3 and 4 at Stafford House, Hassocks. This is a course which may interest prospective marriage guidance counsellors and social workers, as well as other members of the public. Participation is not restricted to students who attended the first School. This course deals with marriage in the setting of the nuclear family and the different ways in which conflict is expressed. It continues the discussion of personal development within the framework provided by E. Erikson, and analyses marital problems in the light of it.

The School is organised by the Centre for Continuing Education, and tutors will be Dr. Dorothy Jerome and Mrs. Rosemary Ryle. Further information and application forms (to be returned by November 21) are available from the Centre for Continuing Education, Education Development Building.

The Politics of Development and Aid

Lord Balogh, Deputy Chairman of the British National Oil Corporation and an Honorary Fellow of the Institute of Development Studies, will speak on "The Politics of Development and Aid" in the Molecular Sciences Lecture Theatre at 5.15 p.m. on Tuesday, November 22.

This lecture is arranged by IDS in conjunction with the Centre for Continuing Education, and admission is free.

A.C.U. PUBLICATIONS

Just published by the Association of Commonwealth Universities are:

*COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITIES YEARBOOK 1977-78: a 2,600-page guide to the staff, courses, organisation and activities of universities institutions of good standing in the Commonwealth. Price £25.

*AWARDS FOR COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY STAFF 1976-80: this lists hundreds of fellowships, visiting professorships, grants, etc. open to university staff in a Commonwealth country who wish to carry out research, make study visits, or teach for a while at a university in another Commonwealth country. Price £2.75.

*SCHEDULE OF POSTGRADUATE COURSES 1977-78: provides brief details of postgraduate courses on offer in 1977-78 at U.K. universities. It includes course title, duration and the qualification awarded to successful candidates. Research degree courses, and medicine, dentistry and veterinary science are excluded. Price £2.10.

*SOME AWARDS OPEN TO ACADEMIC STAFF OF FOREIGN (NON-COMMONWEALTH) UNIVERSITIES AND TENABLE AT U.K. UNIVERSITIES (Information Paper S-2): this new 68-page information paper describes fellowships and scholarships for advanced study or research in Britain that are open only to university staff from countries outside the Commonwealth. Price £1.50.

*FINANCIAL AID FOR FIRST DEGREE STUDY AT COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITIES 1978-79: lists sources of financial aid open to Commonwealth students who wish to study for a first degree at a Commonwealth university outside their own country. Most of the scholarships and grants listed are for students from developing countries. Price 85p.

The above publications are available, post free, from the ACU at 36 Gordon Square, London, WC1H 0FF.

J.G. CROWTER PAPERS GUIDE

The History and Social Studies of Science Subject Group has produced a Guide to the Papers of J.G. Crowther, for more than 50 years a scientific journalist and pioneering advocate of the social relations of science. The catalogue of his papers, which are in the University Library, has been compiled by M. Luckin.

WINTER GRADUATION

The Vice-Chancellor will preside at the University's Winter Graduation Ceremony in the Gardner Arts Centre on Wednesday, December 7.

More than 350 degrees are to be conferred, with 130 in person, at the ceremony which starts at 12.15 p.m.

An honorary degree of Master of Arts will be conferred by the Vice-Chancellor upon Mr. Owen Williams, Master Craftsman at the University from 1962-1977.

Seating at the ceremony is limited and all those who wish to attend in person should by now have already applied for tickets. It is regretted that late applications cannot be met.

FSSA

The FSSA appeal last term for photographs proved most rewarding. One tantalising lead emerged; it seems that someone, somewhere, has an action photo of the "Red Paint Incident". If you know where it is, please contact Stephen Carter, Secretary, FSSA, c/o Sussex House.

UNIVERSITY EXIT/ENTRANCE

One of our colleagues was involved in a motor accident last week as he entered the University. Some months ago I myself was almost killed leaving on my motorbike.

We are obtaining the official accident statistics from traffic accident prevention. University members involved in accidents or near misses who wish to contribute their experiences and suggestions for a safer exit/entrance at the traffic lights should write briefly to T.W. Gee, c/o IDS, who will summarise the facts and ideas and share them with contributors.

Although a new link with the main road is promised within 12 months, it may be possible to seek temporary remedies to prevent further accidents meanwhile.

T.W. Gee.
On Tuesday, November 22, at 1.15 p.m. there will be a special lecture on the music to which Ballet Rambert will be dancing during their forthcoming visit, which, at the time of going to press, is sold out except for a few seats for the Saturday matinee.

This company always arouses tremendous interest and during the week commencing November 21 they will be dancing a mixed bill (Monday to Wednesday) and their new full length ballet Cruel Garden (Thursday to Saturday).

The lecture will be given by Jonathan Harvey, a composer and member of faculty here. John Chesworth, Director of Rambert, and Adam Gatehouse, their Musical Director, will also contribute to the lecture, which will include taped extracts and film.

The lecture will take place in the Gardner Centre Music Practice Room.

There is no charge for admission but the room is not large so it will be a case of first-come-first-served.

During the current week the Oxford Playhouse Company will produce an entirely different company, which includes Jane Asher and Moira Redmond, in C.P.Taylor's new play Ophelia. The play is directed by Nicholas Kent and will run until November 19.

Reverting to Rambert, and their music, we have asked the Ballet's musical group, The Mercury Ensemble, to stay on after the company's week of performances, and to give a concert on Sunday, November 27, at 7.30 p.m.

Their interesting programme will include a Messiaen quartet and new work by Carlos Miranda, which has been specially composed for this group of brilliant young soloists.

The next two or three weeks are full of exciting musical activity with a jazz concert by Axel (November 30), a concert on December 1 by the English Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Charles Mackerras, and a performance of Poulenc's Gloria by our own University Choir and Orchestra conducted by Laszlo Heitay.

The Peter Simpson exhibition continues in the gallery until November 26 and gives way to the annual craft exhibition which opens on December 1. I'll be writing about this in the next edition of The Bulletin.

Nigel Stannard
Administrative Director

LUNCHTIME CONCERTS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS TERM

The following concerts are arranged by the Gardner Centre. There is no charge and they take place in the Meeting House or the Gardner Centre at 1.15 p.m.

Meeting House

Friday November 18 - music for flute, cello and quadrophonic tape.

Friday November 25 - John Birch organ recital.

Friday December 2 - Chamber choir:
Boruffy - Requiem
Britten - Rejoice in the Lamb.

Gardner Centre

Tuesday December 6 - Jazz concert.

Also in the Meeting House on Wednesday November 16, at 7.30 p.m. a classical guitar recital by Carlos Bonell, who is one of today's leading classical guitarists. He is a frequent performer both in Europe and the United Kingdom.

Tickets from the Gardner Centre Box Office £1.20 (concessions 70p.)

The Information Office welcomes items for The Bulletin. Anyone with news items, contributions, information or anything they would like to see appear in The Bulletin should contact Jennifer Payne, Room 306, Sussex House (ext. 05-125).

The next issue of The Bulletin will be published on Tuesday, November 29, and copy for inclusion should reach the Information Office in Sussex House by noon on Wednesday, November 23.