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MINUTES- MEETING OF UNIVERSITY COUNCIL -6 May 1970

A regular meeting of the University Council was held on May 6, 1970.

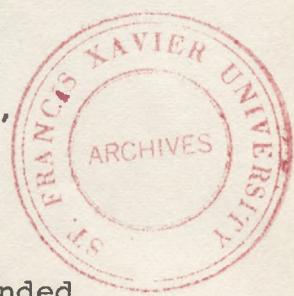
PRESENT: MSGR. MACLELLAN, MSGR. BAUER, DR. C. W. MACDONALD, REV. G. TOPSHEE, DR. D. F. CAMPBELL, DR. R. B. MACDONALD, DR. CURRIE, REV. J. GILLIS, DR. REID, DR. G. MACKINNON, DR. CHIASSON, DEAN J.D. CAMPBELL, DEAN J.J. MACDONALD, SR. C. MACNEIL, DEAN M. MACDONELL, DR. CLARKE, DEAN J.K. MACDONALD.

OBSERVERS: MR. B. O'CONNELL, SR. C. LOSIER, MR. R. MACKINNON

GUEST: MR. KINGSLEY BROWN, JR.

On motion by Dr. D.F. Campbell, seconded by Dr. G. MacKinnon, the minutes of the previous regular meeting and of the special meeting of April 14, 1970, were approved as circulated.

In business arising out of the minutes, the Chairman read letters received from Mr. R. MacKinnon and Mr. John Kenney, requesting the setting up of a negotiating team on "open housing". Commenting, Mr. MacKinnon said that since the matter was still open for discussion, the Executive of the Student's Union had thought it useful to have a structure set up soon. After discussion, Dean MacDonell moved, seconded by Dr. G. MacKinnon, that the Chairman, Msgr. Bauer, Dean J.K. Macdonald and Sr. Joan Ryan undertake consideration of this request and that Council authorize them to appoint a committee if they see fit. Motion carried.



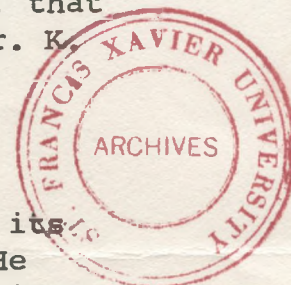
Dr. R.B. MacDonald inquired whether the Presidents' Commission on Social Life had ceased to function. Msgr. MacLellan replied in the negative, stating that "open housing" had been only one phase of the Commission's work and that many other aspects of social life on the campus still need consideration by the Commission. Dean MacDonell said that the committee could work with the Commission if it sees fit.

Rev. G. Topshee introduced Mr. Kingsley Brown, Jr, who had been invited to address the Council on educational radio and television programming. Mr. Brown stated that the University should play a greater role in spreading social awareness in the community by taking part in programmes of

social action. He reported his exploration of the possibilities over the previous 18 months. He had come to the conclusion that the University could give the leadership by preparing radio and television programmes to be distributed throughout the Maritimes. He spoke of the challenge and of the risk involved. He said that financing could be obtained from private sources.

The Chairman said that the original idea discussed was educational programming on a broader basis than social action. Mr. Brown said that other forms of educational programming are easier and that the social action programming is more important. Rev. G. Topshee said that the University has a communications branch of a kind, its work could be extended to radio, both locally and in other centers. Mr. Brown added that there is need for a coordinated approach for a more widespread coverage. Rev. Topshee said that what is needed is a further commitment by the University, particularly for the expenditure of money. Msgr. MacLellan inquired whether the Extension Department would give this top priority and cut out other expenditures. Rev. Topshee said that many things would have to be considered. Msgr. MacLellan added that before Council could take action, it should have more information on the state of affairs in the region.

Dr. G. MacKinnon moved, seconded by Dean J. D. Campbell, that Council endorse in principle the proposal outlined by Mr. K. Brown and that he continue exploring the possibilities, including those of private financing. Motion carried.



Msgr. MacLellan introduced the progress report of the University Academic Planning Committee. He referred to its formation and composition and its frame of reference. He stated that there had been 7 or 8 meetings, at first chaired by himself and later by Dr. R. B. MacDonald. There had been a great deal of discussion and a consensus sought. The first task of the committee was to delineate the objectives of the University, and the progress report was a tentative enunciation of these objectives. He pointed out the emphasis placed on the commitment to the community at large.

After discussion, Dr. R. B. MacDonald said that the statement is only tentative and will have to be reworked. He requested that it be not distributed to the Faculty yet.

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Dr. C. W. MacDonald moved, seconded by Rev. G. Topshee, that this Committee remain in existence, meet during the summer to consider a plan for a more systematic study of the needs of University in the 1970's and report to the Council in the fall. Motion carried.

Dr. R. B. MacDonald gave as his opinion that the Faculty should be apprized of the work of the Committee. He sought directives for the future work of the Committee. Dr. D. F. Campbell said that the committee should be concerned with general objectives and needs, that it is not its responsibility to go into details. The Chairman added that part of the mandate given to the Committee was the means to achieve the objectives and that should be the work of the Committee now.

Msgr. MacLellan and Dr. Reid suggested that this committee be a continuing committee. Msgr. MacLellan added that in time students should be involved in the discussions.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Y. G. BRUNELLE,  
Secretary



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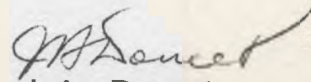
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER UNIVERSITY  
Antigonish, NS

TO: All University Council Members

Enclosed is a copy of the "tentative" University objectives prepared by the University Planning Committee.

The President will report on these objectives and other committee activities at the regular University Council meeting in May.



  
J.A. Doucet  
Secretary - University  
Planning Committee

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## OBJECTIVES OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER UNIVERSITY

St. Francis Xavier University seeks to present a Christian witness.

Essentially it should strive to provide a Christian commitment to man.

The objective chiefly sought by the University is increasing awareness, both theoretical and practical, by those enrolled here as students.

Members of the Faculties seek to understand better whatever is true

and, consequently, seek to help those who study with them to gain their

own understanding of truth. In this search for truth, the University is

not limited by any factor other than the truth it seeks to pursue. This

objective is not confined to academic work and achievement; rather, it

embraces the development of integrity of character with emphasis on those

virtues that have been valued highly in the Catholic tradition. In the

realization of this chief objective, the Faculties and students are expected

to cooperate fully.

A continuing effort is made to raise the aspiration of the University and

to advance the degree to which its aspiration is realized. The University

believes in the innate worth and perfectability of each man. It seeks to

maximize man's awareness and understanding of himself, society, and

God.

The activity of the University is centered on the undergraduate academic

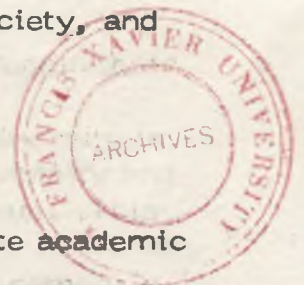
program; yet, certain special programs are regarded as essential to the

discharge of commitments that the University has by both tradition and

choice. These programs are: (a) the professional preparation of teachers

and (b) the preparation of students for the priesthood and the religious life.

In the realization of these objectives, the Faculties and students are expected to cooperate fully.



and adult educators; (b) the work of the Extension Department; and  
(c) the work of the Coady International Institute.

Fundamental to its existence, the University strives to maintain an effective balance between its obligation to students and its commitment to people at large. This it does with a spirit of creativity and critique through teaching, research and community service.

It demands the highest standards of scientific method and intellectual integrity. Flexible, democratic and open to change it encourages participation in its life, vertically by uniting students, faculty and society, horizontally by uniting the various components of the University

April 9, 1970

