

DEAN MEETING. PLEASE INDICATE YOUR
LUNCHTIMES . 1-2 PM FREE.

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CHRIS. ANY DAY

DAVE: MON, TUE, THUR, (FRI)

CRAIG: MON, WED, THU.

MICK : 4: TUE, THUR, (FRI)

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17th AUG.

1982

THURSDAY IS
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TUTORIALS TO BE SCRAPPED

At present there is talk amongst staff members of the School of Electrical Engineering to possibly SCRAP the present system of TUTORIALS within the School.

The feeling of many staff members is apparently that many students would prefer NOT to have formal tutorial periods.

Some students feel that instead of having tutorials they could better utilize their time in PRIVATE study either at University or in the comfort of their own homes. Some students claim that they get NOTHING out of tutorials and merely attend to have their names marked off the roll so as not to breach any attendance rules that may be in existence.

Others see tutorials as a valuable part of any course: - as an OPPORTUNITY where they can obtain expert first hand assistance with their problems.

Are YOU getting the most out of your tutorials ?

Would you like to see the present system of tutorials altogether ABOLISHED ?

Or would you like them to REMAIN ?

Your opinions on this are IMPORTANT. If you have any feelings at all on the matter, DISCUSS them with one of your lecturers, tutors or the Head of School, Professor Rees, or the Executive to the Head of School, Associate Professor Stapleton. Better still, express your views in a brief LETTER to them.

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Minutes of Dean Meeting with All Engineering Society Executives

Session Two : Week 6 -

Thursday 2 September 1982.

Points made by:

- A: Professor Svenmson : Dean of Engineering. = PROF.
- B: Mick Rollo : Civeng Prez. = MICK (CIV)
- C: Ed Castro : Elsoc Hon. Sec. = ED (ELSOC)
- D: Surveying Society Prez. = BLOKE (SURV)
- E: Bob Smith : Elsoc Prez. = BOB (ELSOC)

Attendance:

- Mechsoc
- Elsoc
- Civsoc
- Survsoc
- Mining Eng. Soc.
- CEUS (??)

The meeting opened at 1:16 pm.

PROF.
(DEAN)

- a. A: Recent Graduate giving talks about their own fields of work. Perhaps in the lunch hour : 'Faculty Hour' as was the case a few years ago.
- b. Institute of Engineers Australia - Monthly magazine - and membership. A scholarship would be offered to attend the Conference.
- c. Job finding workshops. Were in July, August. Will be in December. A form of Campus Interviews Programs.

Aims to:

i. prepare person to fill out applications.

PROF.
(DEAN)

ii. Enhance interviewee skills.

A: Only problem is: not known about till 4th year. It is a ONE day 'workshop'.

I. The recent IEA campus chapter idea - died out.

II. APEA - Trade Union side vs IEA 'learned' side of life. ??

MICK
(CIV)

1. (B): Want to promote the School spirit in the first year students first then see what will happen with IEA.

ED
(ELSOC)

2. (C): First years don't know what it's about :- Uni life, clubs and societies.

MICK
(CIV)

3. (B): Recent graduates to talk about their line of work: Good idea if the Uni does the organizational paperwork.

BLOKE
(SURV)

4. (B): First year involvement should be more emphasized.

5. They can ask more on the level questions of the Graduates.

6. Possibly get 4th year current students to talk or be asked questions so they can reflect back with broader terms of what the course was like..

PROF.

(DEAN)

7. (A): point (c) : put on by Student Employment Office.

I. Each of the 4th year students are sent out these packages.

II. To develop the skills like interviewing for employment.

III. Some also doing the interviewing.

IV. They are not formal interviews but an exchange of information.

BLOKE
(SURV)

8. (B): Need more information on what the course is like and what to watch out for.

9. Keep in touch with the Job Prospects.

10. You have to present yourself for a Job.

MICK
(CIV)

- I. (B): There's been a lot of red-tape encountered regarding SHIVAC at the end of Session One. Our Staff and students do want it.

PROF.
(DEAN)

- II. (A): We want to keep everything in unison. Only the first year "cause" the problems as the selection process is the same as Sydney. Other Universities run a 26 Week year. Here at one stage it was 30 Weeks !

MICK
(CIV)

- III. (B): We ask for an extra Three days: commence the exams two days after the Week 14 weekend.

PROF.
(DEAN)

- IV. (A): Simplest to achieve - it is a policy in the Faculty of Engineering - but the main problem lies with the first years. Could arrange to have no lectures in Week 14 of session one - but have tutors available.

BDB
(ELSOC)

- V. (E): What is the validity of tutorials being abolished in 1983

PROF. (DEAN) VI. (A): There will be a 3 % Staff reduction. When you first enrolled, 3 to 4 years ago there was one tutor for 15 students. Now there is one per 25 which means an increase of 5 or 6 in each class.

MICK (CIV) 1. (B): Four limitations are imposed on your program when you fail subjects. In our case it is 22 whereas in Bob's it's 21.

PROF. (DEAN) 2. (A): We have refined the policy and now it has become a rigorous document.

MICK (CIV) 3. (B): We've seen people in high places in our School and they've 'passed the buck' and said it wasn't his policy. From the students who've started in 1979 16 % will graduate at the end of this year. This means that 25 people have at least failed one subject.

BLOKE (SURV) I. (D): The level of English amongst our First years is appalling. Can't there be an entrance exam applied as there are separate ones for maths and physics ?

PROF. (DEAN) II. (A): A histogram of the English marks show that the median is around 45 % - this is certainly less than the mean mark. An aggregate of 320 for Engineering had about 1 % of students attaining the mean or better.

III. The Arts faculty is strongly resisting the computer statistic implication that it has for Engineers.

IV. Non-existence of the HSC aggregate in 1984. The entry will be based on mean marks in subjects individually.

BLOKE (SURV) V. (D): Doesn't that only apply to maths and physics ?

PROF. (DEAN) VI. (A): The aggregate is there for University selection purposes.

VII. Professor Martin of the English (Department ?) here has an outline of a course which will not begin before 1984. A quote from the ABC radio program : AM that morning by a lecturer in English: "With words you are painting a window to which others see through to your mind. They establish the lines of communication."

BLOKE (SURV) i. (B): What is the chance of changing or abolishing General Studies ?

PROF. (DEAN) ii. (A): The General Studies electives are increasing from 42 to 56 hours or from 21 to 28 hours instead of having a general studies or elective program. These are divided into 3 groups of which the first two are defined by the respective school. The third, is a 'free' elective. Of these free electives subjects like:

a. Economics

b. Law

- c. History
- d. Industriail Relations
- e. Psychology are offered.

MICK
(CV)

- I. (P) A Combined Engineering Bar-be-que will be held in Friday Week 9 from 12 to 3 pm. It will be sponsored the Association of Professional Engineers of Australia (APFA). Basically, a member recruit drive. At our earlier BBQ a member of Staff told me it was the first time he'd ever seen a first year student - he didn't know what they looked like !

BLOKE

- (SURV) II. (B) A surveying get together with a cricket match at Sam Craddock next Friday.

- III. Is there any way to find a common lunch hour as at the moment a majority have differing timetables ?

The meeting closed at 3:10 pm.