UNIVERSITY OF REGINA TIGHTENS ITS BELT - AGAIN

REGINA - Hugh Thompson, chairman of the U of R's board of governors, today announced that a consultant will be engaged to study all non-academic operations at the university, in addition to a review of academic activities by an in-house task force.

At a board meeting on August 12, 1986, the U of R's board of governors agreed to undertake a thorough review of university operations, following acceptance of the report of a committee established by the board to examine ways to increase efficiency and effectiveness.

"We're handicapped by a recent major - and essential - modernization of our computer services," said Thompson, "not to mention a 50 per cent increase in student enrolment in a few short years and we're facing a major deficit. We hope the consultant will be able to point the way to a more stable operation without reducing our services to students or the community."
The report, prepared by a committee consisting of members of teaching staff and current and former board members, concluded that the university examine both administrative and academic operations with the assistance of an external consultant. It was also decided by the board that the review of academic activities will be undertaken internally with the intention of assessing class duplication, class sizes and possible economies in the delivery of programs.

To proceed with the administrative review, which will consider questions of the effectiveness and efficiency of non-academic operations, the university will invite submissions from several consulting firms. The Department of Advanced Education and Manpower has been requested by the board to fund the proposed study.

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