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<u>Report Suggests That WLU</u>

Concentrate on Undergraduate Field

The first instalment of a report from a firm of consultants studying Waterloo Lutheran University recommends that the university concentrate its teaching in the field of undergraduate instruction and the humanities.

The report, produced by the Booz, Allen and Hamilton consulting firm, will now be circulated among the faculty, staff and the entire student body for study and recommendation before action is taken by the board of governors.

Dr. Henry Endress, acting president, said that task forces of students, faculty and staff have been established and campus forums will be conducted so that the views of all can be ascertained.

The university believes that never before in Ontario have faculty, staff and students been so fully involved in determining the future of their university, its policies and the programs it will offer.

The material will go out in three stages and it is hoped that a preliminary report will be ready.for the board of governors at its Jan. 30 meeting and filial summation of campus views for the March 12 meeting.

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The consultants suggest that the present Master of Arts programs be phased out and that the Bachelor of Science program be discontinued with future science courses supporting the undergraduate arts program.

However, the consultants recommend that the new Graduate School of Social Work and the Bachelor of Divinity program be continued and offerings in the undergraduate School of Business and Economics be strengthened.

"The primary programs at Waterloo Lutheran University are concerned with the liberal arts and humanities fields," the consultants note.

"It is in this part of the program that the university appears to have inherent strengths. This field also provides the best opportunities to achieve the objectives of the university in educating the student to realize his fullest possible personal development as a human being.

"It is also clear that from a financial point of view, the liberal arts concentration provides the most likely chance for Waterloo Lutheran University to achieve higher levels of academic excellence within the limits of the resources available to it."

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