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MISSOULA--

Students interested in or attending the University of Montana School of Forestry will not face an immediate revision of the four-year curriculum to five-years.

The Council of Forestry School Executives meeting at Chalk River, Ontario, last week opposed the Society of American Foresters' request that the curriculum be revised to five-years by 1970.

The UM School of Forestry is one of 27 forestry schools accredited by the society.

According to Dr. Arnold W. Bolle, dean of the UM forestry school and retiring chairman of the council, the council did appoint two of its members to sit with a society committee that is studying the five-year proposal.

The proponents of the five-year plan argue that because a forester's decisions so directly affect the public he should have a formal background in the social sciences. The current forestry curriculum is a full four-years of professional, scientific and university core courses.

Opponents say starting salaries in forestry are not sufficient to warrant the additional expense of a fifth year of required schooling.

Dean Bolle said that Dr. James Bethel, dean of the University of Washington School of Forestry and frequent visitor to western Montana, was elected to the council chairmanship.

Bolle will continue as chairman of the council's committee to study the senior sequence in forestry. In 1966-67 the UM School of Forestry's senior sequence was adopted by the council as the national model. Now the committee will draw on all forestry schools for ideas.