

SRC approves Executive Report

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The third SRC meeting under the new administration was held Monday night at 7:00 p.m. The Executive Meeting of November 3, 1982 was invalidated because all executive members were not informed.

Furthermore, President John Bosnitch "expressed displeasure that an SRC meeting was held in his absence and without notification" (due to his presence at a debate in Victoria last week.)

The first order of business was Bosnitch's Proclamation that a Presidential Cabinet or Secretariat be established. Ten presidential advisors were chosen by Mr. Bosnitch on the basis of individual qualifications and their compatibility with the president. The Secretaries are as follows: Secretary of Organization,

Raulston; Information, Koncz; External, Bosnitch; Culture, Higgins; Services, Brodeur; Academics, Kofie; Justice, Stevenson; Athletics, Lawrence; Residences, Pringle; International Students, Samad.

According to the Proclamation, these cabinet members shall "advise, counsel and aid the president in the performance of his duties and responsibilities." Furthermore, "Secretaries shall be dismissed by order of the president."

i.D. cards were then circulated to SRC members.

Representative from the Off-Campus Residence Association, Tod Bovingdon, addressed council expressing hope that his organization be recognized and aided by the SRC.

The Executive Report was the next order of business. Mo-

tion One of that report moved that there be an increase in salary for UNB Student Union Employees of 12.5%. Debate ensued that perhaps the Student Union should follow federal government guidelines of the 6% and 5% raise levels, however since these employees had accepted the afore-mentioned increases effective November 1, it was agreed by the majority of Council that a rollback now would not reflect well upon the SRC. The 6% and 5% amendment was rejected 8-8-2.

Motion Two reads as follows, "that the full-time position of accounting clerk be eliminated and that a call be made for applications for a part-time bookkeeper. Two weeks notice is hereby given to Mrs. Betty Joe DeClou of this decision." Lethbridge, Bosnitch and Young maintained that because of the SRC's investment of \$1,000 in a new ac-

counting system which was implemented by Mrs. DeClou last year, her position was no longer necessary. Comptroller Andy Young stated that at present there was not a full day's work available for a full time accounting clerk. When asked if Mrs. DeClou would be offered the position of part-time bookkeeper, Bosnitch stated that he would be happy to consider a formal application for the position by her.

Mrs. DeClou arrived at the SRC meeting to state her case and was adamant that "continuity" and "consistency" in the accounting system would suffer with the elimination of her position. Furthermore, DeClou stated that she had herself only been aware of the executive's motion at 4:00 p.m. that afternoon.

Motion Three moved that the SUB Board permit the Union executive to remain in the SUB beyond regular building hours. Bosnitch stated that both the Brunswickan and CHSR had this privilege. Little debate arose.

Motion Four moved "that the Brunswickan place at the disposal of the union executive one full-page per issue on any

odd numbered page and that use of this space be authorized by the office of the President." Bosnitch maintained that as Publisher of the Brunswickan, no appeal from the Brunswickan would be permitted by him. He further stated that the contents of the page would be exclusively at the SRC's and ultimately, his discretion.

Discussion ensued and Oliver Koncz, Business Rep, "brilliantly" stated his opinion that the Brunswickan was anti-SRC and "biased" in its editorials and that more objectivity of SRC activities be predominant in the paper. Various SRC members stated that SRC unofficial minutes should be published in each issue of the Brunswickan (obviously they haven't noticed these weekly articles). SRC chairperson Mary Abraham finally halted discussion on the various motions and held a roll call vote to accept the Executive Minutes as discussed. Motion was passed 9-5-2.

The A.B. Report was the next issue discussed however, council broke quorum at approximately 10:00 p.m. The meeting was forced to adjourn.

Fund appeals to F'ton council

The University of New Brunswick, an integral part of the Fredericton community for almost 200 years, appealed to city council Thursday night for a contribution to the institution's five year fund raising campaign.

President James Downey, noting the significant economic and other contributions made by the university to the city, asked a meeting of council-in-committee to donate \$50,000 a year over the next five years.

The request represents 2 and a half percent of the Third Century Campaign's \$10,000,000 objective, Dr. Downey notes. But the sum is a considerably smaller proportion of the total of \$59,900,000 which the university contributed to the local economy last year - an average of more than \$164,000 a day.

"We know that in Canada it is not usual for municipalities to play an intimate role in financing the universities which they host, but our relationships to Fredericton and Saint John are very special indeed," the President said.

Dr. Downey's brief showed that UNB is an important employer. It paid \$36,000,000 to 1,400 employees in 1981-82 and it bought \$12,000,000

worth of local goods and services.

He estimated that the 1,347 students, who live at home in York County while attending UNB, keep \$1,079,000 in the city economy. An additional 2,910 students, who live off campus, bring \$5,400,000 into the community's food and housing markets. In addition, students spend close to \$4,000,000 on entertainment, leisure activities and incidentals.

"Thus, a reasonable estimate of the value of students to the local economy would be approximately \$10,500,000 - not counting the money spent on food and services by those 1,400 or so students living in university residences," the president observed.

The province gives the city an annual grant to cover municipal property taxes which would normally be levied on the assessed values of university land and buildings. In 1982 this payment totalled \$1,058,938. At the same time, UNB makes limited demands on municipal services. The university maintains its own roads, handles snow removal and expects to pay an estimated \$294,000 for water

and sewer services for 1982-83.

Fredericton derives significant cultural, social and recreational benefits from the university's presence. Included among these are the Aitken University Centre, the Harriet Irving Library, the Computing Centre, the Brunswick String Quartet, the UNB Art Centre and The Fiddlehead Magazine. UNB also provides facilities for many conferences, sports and entertainment events.

The UNB brief noted the financial support given to the university by the city of Saint John over the last 20 years. In the early 1960s, Saint John donated the Tucker Park campus as well as roads and services valued at more than \$2,000,000. The Port City contributed \$250,000 in start-up capital costs and, in the mid-1970s, added \$350,000 to help complete the Athletic Centre on that campus. Saint John is now considering what support it can lend to the Third Century Fund campaign.

The campaign is intended to attract and assist students at all levels of study, develop the library system, update laboratory and computer equipment, expand natural resources research and enrich all aspects of campus life in both cities.

A.B. controls purse strings

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The most powerful committee on the UNB Student Council is the Administrative Board (A.B.) This non-elected body effectively controls the purse strings of the Student Union.

The Comptroller, who is chairman of the Board, appoints the other members, who must have the approval of at least two-thirds of the council members. The Assistant Comptroller and five other union members, of which at least two are to be from the ranks of the Student Council, complete the A.B.

Currently, Susan Crockett, Brent Blizzard, Chris Wosyanju, Steve Osborne, Charles Diab and Maryke Blok serve with Comptroller Andy Young on the Board. Only four of the seven are Student Council members.

The Board, which is in essence a finance committee, supervises and controls the monetary aspects of the Student Union. Major duties include reviewing applications for financial grants, and considering and updating the Financial Policy.

This influential committee advises Council on all financial matters. The Board must report to Council and make recommendations on its findings. The Student Council may waive the requirements for A.B.'s recommendation; however this is only done under extra-ordinary circumstances.

The A.B. meets as often as is necessary, which is roughly once a week. There is no quorum stipulated, but meetings are usually cancelled if fewer than three members show up.

The A.B. sets up general guidelines each year determining how much financial assistance is to be allotted to the different clubs and associations at UNB. The limit was set at \$400 for each event. However, this limit was exceeded on at least two occasions, at one time for the UNB Woodmen's Competition and the other for the UNB Debating Society trip to Victoria. These occasions were deemed to be of special benefit to the students involved. For cases like that the Board is able to exceed the \$400 limit.

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