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President calls for Residence review



UNB's Residence system is coming under external review for the second time in two years

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UNB President Dr. Elizabeth Parr-

The review will be conducted by appropriate background in university residences. Vice President Academic Louis Visentin and Vice President Finance and Administration James O'Sullivan will select the reviewers.

The review should begin shortly and be concluded by late Summer or early

The review will examine all components of Residence inistration including Housing and Food Services, the Dean of Residence office and the relationship with the Dean of Students and provide an assessment of the effectiveness of

It will assess the relevance of the residence system in meeting the needs of students. An analysis will be done on the roles and working/reporting relationships between the Dean of Residence and the Residence Life

review committee has been asked to examine and provide observations and may affect the present and future well being of the residence system

The review panel will also identify and provide recommendations on three external members with an staffing levels, space, facilities and other resources required to implement the suggested changes.

> The final term of reference set by the President asks the external review committee to evaluate the feasibility of the private development and management of residence appartments within or external to the Johnston. university.

Some of the questions that will be asked in the course of the review operated in this way? Is the current way the best one? Is it necessary for the university residence system to do it residences to students and other at all? Does what is being done match up with any specified standard and performance? And what is not being

> Residence Administration staff will be asked: What direction is the residence system moving in? Are we providing the best residence system we can? Are

and resources available? Are we really being responsive to change? And what we wish to make?

The External review is actually the second one to be conducted in the residence system in as many years.

Last Spring, an external review team looked at the residence system as part

recommendations on aspects of the residence system were found wanting by UNB President Elizabeth Parr-In a memo to Dean of Students Tom

Austin dated January 20, 1997 the very little to say about UNB's Residential System and the management/oversight of UNB

"Linkages between our residential services and our academic programs through, in part, the Board of Dons and evaluated," said Parr-Johnston in her memo to Austin, a copy of which has been obtained by The Brunswickan.

"We feel that this is a critical area wherein various parties are not always

and mode of operation," the UNB

The External Review of Student Services last Spring did make certain recommendations with respect to the residence system, none of which have

been accepted yet by the President. The reviewers recommended that the Residence and the VP Academic explore ways to increase the number of academics as Dons and Fellows in residences.

The review team noted that only a small minority of the current Dons in the residence system are academics.

The reviewers also came down squarely on the side of those who argue that the Dean of Residence position should be filled by a trained professional in student affairs and be experienced in residential living and

The review team noted that there is tension between this school of thought and one which claims that the Dean of Residence should be a UNB tenured

As far as Housing and Food Services is concerned, the Review Committee noted that the Housing Director is responsible for the Maggie House

while the Dean of Residences is responsible for residences but not food rvices or maintenance.

"In our view, some one person has to be in charge of the total residence operation," the three person external

As a result, the reviewers recommended that a Dean of Residence, Food and Conference Services position be created with an Assistant Dean of Residence Life and an Assistant Dean Housing, Food and Conference Services.

"It is assumed that the above three positions would be full-time," the

The reviewers suggested the structural change was needed to create what they call "a clear, unambiguous and integrated reporting structure." This structural issue is critical to resolve promptly as there is also a need to turn attention to the clarification of housing policy, discipline and appeals processes, elationships between various boards, interest groups and student governments in residence," the reviewers stated. "There is a need to review all of the above in relationship to conformity to UNB's goals for residence life within the larger institutional mission," the

Student tuition protest planned

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Students on the UNB Fredericton campus plan to hold a rally to protest a proposed per course tuition system that could see fees in some faculties increase by nearly \$1,000 next September.

The rally will be held near the Old Arts Building where all of UNB's top administrators have offices. No firm date or time has vet been announced but a time frame within the next two weeks has been established.

The decision comes after UNB Student Council endorsed the idea of a protest rally at its regular meeting this

One of the chief organizers of the protest is Student Union V-P External Anthony Knight. He hopes to work with any other student group on campus that is interested in getting involved.

"We have to let the public know about the new tuition fee structure and the fact that it is not going to benefit the system the students or society as a whole by limiting our post-secondary education as a result of the significant increase in cost for all programs at UNB," Knight said following Tuesday's Council meeting.

"I've never been a big fan of protes rallies but I think this is certainly time and the place for something like this," said Knight, a Business student.

"The university needs to know they are affecting the individual lives of students and potential students," he said. "I think a protest is the best way to do it instead of harping at the Adn

Knight hopes to get all 7100 stu

on campus out to the rally.
"I think this tuition fee policy will affect the lives of every student on this campus and I would expect every student on this campus to attend

Knight does not think university officials can ignore the protest if enough students turn out "If they don't step back and take a

look at what they are doing I would lose complete confidence in the Administration of this university," Knight concluded.

Graduate Students Association upset with tuition proposal

The Graduate Students Association

"We're going to grind the process to a halt until we get our questions answered," promised Michael Lamoureux, President of the GSA. which represents UNB's 1,266 full and part-time graduate students.

At the very heart of their concerns is the nature of the discussion paper itself. "Very little of the document adheres to the assigned focus," alleges the GSA's

written response to the Task Force. "They tried to gather all the information to support one side. There is nothing presented against raising fees," notes Franck Giraudeau, VP Administration of the GSA. "The

discussion is one way." Lamoureux commented that it is

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he said."I suspect they want to approve of tuition policies at other universities, wants to disrupt the implementation of this at the April meeting [of the Board the Task Force noted that tuition fees of support (perhaps 20 per cent of the the UNB Tuition Task Force discussion of Governors]. That's the only reason I for graduate studies were set at a higher

> In addition, Lamoureux disputes whether the committee should even be addressing the issue of Graduate Student

> "I don't think this commission should consider raising student fees at all," said Lamoureux. "I don't think they stand the way the graduate program

works well enough to tackle it." "If they want to review grad student fees," he continued, "I'd like to see a committee appointed by the School of Graduate Studies itself, [a committee] which would have a very good understanding of how the graduate school works. Our graduate school is one of the most diverse in the country, each

education. Currently at UNB, fees at the graduate level are approximately equal to undergraduate fees."

"That's a potential for a \$1,000 increase in fees," points out Giraudeau. But they are quick to point out that

will benefit the Grad School. "If they want to increase fees so much, so fast, why?" Lamoureux asked, claiming that tuition fees for graduate students have already increased by 100% over the past six years. According to the UNB Budget for 1996-97, the funding for Graduate Research Assistantships has increased by 17% during the past decade.

Also according to the UNB Budget for 1996-97, "in the Faculties of Arts, Administration, Education and

esented a one-sided argument.

Lamoureux is particularly wary of the Assistantships] provide virtually all of competitive in most disciplines and "I think they were pressed for time," report because it notes "in our review the financial support for graduate clearly not competitive in some." students. It is also a significant source total) for graduate studies in the

> Forestry and Environmental Management, and Computer Science." Given this dependence, Lamoureux asked what UNB will do for those students who may not be able to return

with higher tuition fees. "We don't think the funding is there

to support our graduate students at UNB," he said. What's worse, Lamoureux claims that

UNB has some of the lowest levels for Graduate Assistantships in Canada. "There are Canadian universities where a Masters student gets \$18,000 in funding and a Ph.D gets \$24,000,

my Ph.D [Computer Science] is giving

me \$15,000," he said The UNB Budget for 1996-97 points out that the funding level for graduate

Kinesiology, [Graduate Research students at UNB is "currently marginally

"We may see, in the future, a concentration of programs," fears Giraudeau. "There are also rumours that Faculties of Science, Engineering, UNB wants to shut down the Grad School itself."

> Without the Grad School, the administrative burden of graduate students would fall onto departments. "Our departments are already

complaining about the additional work they have had to do this year," said

These problems with student fees have a root cause: under representation of graduate students. There are currently no Graduate Students on the Board of Governors. Although the seats are open to full and part-time graduates and undergraduates, the number of undergraduates eligible to run at 8,400

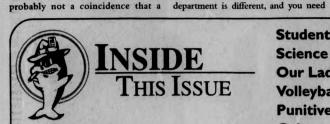
dwarfs the number of graduate students, currently at 1,266. "I learned about the increase of fees

who feel left out. There is also no provision for representation from the Graduate School. They do no sit on the

Board of Governors, either. As a result, Lamoureux claims the Grad School is "left out of almost everything." "We're willing to work with

process, if they're willing to include us," said Lamoureux. "We've given the Task Force a preliminary response and a letter indicating we would follow-up with a more thorough document."

To that end, the GSA has requested two meetings with the Task Force. One meeting would be with the UNBSU. the UNBSJ SRC, the part-time students (CAMPUS). The other would be an open meeting at which any UNB student could express their concerns about the paper. At press time, the Task



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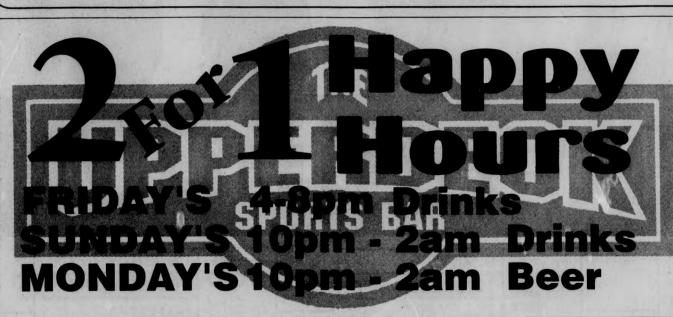
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