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SRC to hold NUS membership referendum Oct. 15

By BRUNSWICKAN STAFF

An oversight by the University of New Brunswick Student Representative Council has made invalid a motion to hold a fall referendum election Oct. 8.

The SRC at their first fall term meeting Sept. 15 had voted seven to six with one abstention to hold a referendum—asking students whether they wanted to become members of the National Union of Students (NUS)—in conjunction with a regular fall election.

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University of New Brunswick student president Warren McKenzie Thursday decided to hold UNB's fall election referendum Oct. 15. (see page 6).

Warren McKenzie, SRC president, said Tuesday, however, that this would not allow for a provision in the constitution requiring three issues of *The Brunswickan* to be published between calling and holding an election.

An attempt will be made to hold an emergency SRC meeting Thursday to decide on another Wednesday—the day specified by the constitution—"preferably the 15th," said McKenzie. Otherwise the decision will be made by the SRC executive, he said, but the discussion will be open to students.

The date is significant since NUS will be holding their national conference in Fredericton Oct. 17-20 and council has been divided over the issue of whether the referendum should be held before

or after the conference.

McKenzie and law representative Jim MacLean have led those in favor of a pre-conference election. McKenzie said new SRC representatives should be chosen before the conference since incumbents may be out of office soon after the conference if the election is held later.

McKenzie said UNB would benefit "Extensively" by involvement in the union, getting first-hand information from membership in the central committee.

MacLean listed the advantages of membership such as the creation of a forum for discussion of common problems among universities, dissemination of information on such problems and

the attempts being made to solve these and establishment of a lobby in Ottawa for UNB students.

Membership this year would be pro-rated to \$.15 per student since \$.30 is usually charged at the beginning of the year. Membership next year, if the students approved it, would total \$1 per student. This hike was due to a planned increase in fees for all NUS members, said McKenzie.

Assistant comptroller Rod Dougherty asked MacLean whether students would get a return which would match the value of their membership fees. MacLean replied that NUS offered a valuable information service and predicted that within eight months of joining, UNB would be able to

point to benefits from membership.

Vice-president Gary Stairs said that there should be a wait until after the conference so students could attend sessions and vote in referendum on the basis of their impressions of the organization.

MacLean said many students might not attend the conference anyway. Council, he said, had "no right to prevent students from making up their own minds."

McKenzie said it was the responsibility of the campus media to publicize the pros and cons of membership.

The first time the motion was made to hold the referendum in conjunction with the election it was defeated because no majority was

formed with a six-six tie and two abstentions. The motion was re-introduced after arts representative Margot Brewer said the vote had been taken before her point of information was taken.

A second vote passed the motion.

Council in other business:

—Accepted business representative Anne Jewett's resignation due to a heavy work load; unanimously

—Appointed fourth year engineering student Ron Ward to the application committee; \$

Senate approves two new grad courses

By LINDA STEWART

The University of New Brunswick Senate Tuesday night voted to initiate steps leading to implementation in 1977 of two graduate courses in public administration.

These steps include first, the identification of the funds needed to initiate and sustain such a programme, and that total amount is — in current 74-75 dollars — \$200,500. After the dollars have been found, the proposal then goes to the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission (MPHEC) for final approval. If and when their consent is given, implementation will start.

UNB President J.M. Anderson said the operating dollars needed to support such a programme, carried a "Very large price tag" but science dean M.A. Franklin said it was an "identifiable need" for New Brunswick considering the number employed in public administration.

The delegates from UNB in Saint John proposed an amendment to the report to allow until January 1976 for them to discuss their part in the programme. UNBSJ business professor Wayne Jollineau said his campus wanted to get involved and assist in offering some part of the programme.

Following a lengthy debate

which centered around professors E.D. Maher, M.A. Franklin, and Jollineau, the amendment was defeated with six senate members voting in favor of it. These members were Barry Beckett and Jollineau, both from UNBSJ and four student senate members, Kathy Westman, Marvin Greenblatt, Chris Nagle, and Randall Hatfield, who is from UNBSJ.

Jollineau asked if there was any provision made in the report for UNBSJ and Maher replied there was "basically none" but "what will develop, I don't know."

Jollineau said "UNBSJ can contribute to this, and could offer the diploma course, if the interest

was shown." He also said that they "would like to have the door held open to let them make a contribution. Sometimes the door is often closed too quickly by senate."

Franklin said, he would "be very distressed if the motion were tabled", because it is a "good proposal and "we should wait for what the Deutsch Commission recommends" before including UNBSJ. The "morale is high in the Department for this proposal.", he said.

The Deutsch Commission appointed in December by the UNB Board of Governors, was charged with reviewing UNBSJ's operation and making recommendations for its future development.

Franklin said he was concerned about the possibility of "recycling" the report. Maher agreed and said he was "not prepared to discuss it further" beyond this meeting. Beckett said they were not consulted on the programme.

Dr. Anderson said he had understood that UNBSJ had been consulted on whether they wanted to contribute to the programme and declined. Jollineau replied the Saint John faculty had not said "no".

The Senate in other business:

—Gave a tribute to the late George McAllister, former UNB dean of law and ombudsman for New Brunswick. The tribute was read to senate by law dean A.M. Sinclair.

—Passed a motion banning smoking in the classrooms leaving smoking in seminar rooms to discretion of the group.

—Referred the report on federal funding of research to the ad hoc committee for input by senate by September 30th.

—Received the report of visiting lecturers committee and thanked outgoing chairman C. Moreland for his service.

—Endorsed the principle of student representation of faculty councils.



The University of New Brunswick Senate has ultimate control of all purely academic matters at UNB.

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