

# Students' council to debate constitution Monday

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Following is the proposed students' union constitution which has been passed in principle by the constitution committee of the Students' Representative Council. It is to be debated Monday, November 17, at the regular council meeting.

## CONSTITUTION

**ARTICLE I Name**  
The name of this organization shall be the Students Union of the University of New Brunswick, Inc., hereinafter referred to as "the Union."

**ARTICLE II Objectives**  
The objectives of the Union shall be:  
(a) to promote artistic, literary, educational and social activities for the advancement of the various interests of its members in particular, and the University Community in general.

(b) to provide for the material, intellectual, cultural, professional, and physical needs of the members of the Union and to encourage amongst its members a sense of responsibility and good citizenship.

(c) to establish relationships with such other associations, bodies, or organizations, national or international, public or private, that may serve to benefit its members.

(d) to act as the official organization of the students of the University of New Brunswick at Fredericton, New Brunswick.

(e) to acquire, operate and maintain any facilities or assets for the use of and in the interest of its members.

(f) to promote, encourage, co-ordinate and direct activities of the students of the University of New Brunswick subject to the rules and regulations of the University.

## ARTICLE III Powers

The Union is empowered:

(a) to take and hold by purchase, grant, lease, gift, donation, devise, legacy, or bequest real or personal property, and to sell, lease, mortgage or otherwise dispose of any such real or personal property as may be properly deemed necessary for the carrying out of the objects and purposes of the Union.

(b) to invest or otherwise use for the objects and purposes of the Union any moneys received.

(c) to enter into arrangements or transactions with any governmental, municipal, local, or other authority that may seem conducive to or consistent with the attainment of the objectives or purposes of the Union, and to obtain from any such authority any rights, privileges, benefits, or concessions which the Union may have the capacity to receive and may properly deem desirable for the carrying out of the objects and purposes of the Union.

(d) to erect, maintain, improve, repair, and otherwise deal with any building or buildings in order to further the objects and purposes of the Union. Where any such building or buildings are situated on University property, subject to the approval of the University.

(e) to borrow money for the objects and purposes of the Union, and to secure repayment of same by any form of debenture, bond, hypothec, mortgage, promissory note or any security; and without restricting the generality of the foregoing, to make and issue debentures or bonds and to secure the repayment of same by deeds of trust or mortgage.

(f) to authorize, make, execute, issue and endorse bills of exchange, cheques, promissory notes and other such instruments as may be necessary or convenient for the objects and purposes of the Union.

(g) to raise money for the objects and purposes of the Union by all properly authorized means, including the levying of student membership fees (hereinafter referred to as Union fees), the granting of concessions to organizations at student activities, and the granting of such other concessions that are not inconsistent with the operation of the University. Where any fee or concession may be of a permanent nature, and may affect the operation of the University, such concession is subject to the approval of the University.

(h) to do all such other things as may be ancillary or incidental to the attainment of its objects and purposes and the exercise of its powers.

## ARTICLE IV Organization

S.1. The Union shall be governed by, and its affairs managed by, representatives. Such representatives shall be duly elected or appointed from the members of the Union in accordance with the by-laws and this body shall be known as the Students Representative Council, hereinafter referred to as the S.R.C.

S.2. Subject to the by-laws, all powers of the Union are vested in the S.R.C.

## ARTICLE V Membership

S.1. Membership in the Union shall consist of full-time registered students in attendance at the University of New Brunswick during the regular academic year. Such students must also have paid their Union fees as prescribed by the S.R.C. from time to time or must otherwise be eligible for membership as determined by the by-laws.

S.2. Membership on the S.R.C. shall consist of two classes of persons:

(i) Voting Members - voting members who shall have been duly elected in accordance with the By-laws.

(ii) Non-voting Members - non-voting

members who shall have been duly appointed in accordance with the By-laws.

S.3. Membership on the S.R.C. shall consist of the following voting members:

(a) the President of the Union  
(b) the Vice-President of the Union  
(c) the Comptroller of the Union

the above enumerated individuals herein after are deemed to be and shall be referred to as the Executive Committee of the S.R.C.

(d) fifteen representatives enrolled in the faculties and/or departments of Arts, Business Administration, Education, Engineering, Forestry, Law, Nursing, Physical Education, Science, Nursing and School of Graduate Studies. Such representatives to be distributed amongst the aforesaid faculties and/or departments as determined in the By-laws.

(e) three representatives at large.  
(f) such non-voting members as the S.R.C. may from time to time appoint.

## ARTICLE VI By-laws

S.1. The S.R.C. may make by-laws and/or regulations not inconsistent with this Constitution or any law of New Brunswick for the better government of the Union in relation to:

(a) membership in and of the Union where not specified in this constitution or the By-laws.

(b) the election and/or appointment of Officers of the S.R.C.

(c) the duties and responsibilities of Officers and/or Appointees of the S.R.C.

(d) the convening, holding and conduct of meetings of the Union and the S.R.C.

(e) the government and discipline of members of the Union and/or organizations under the authority of the S.R.C.

(f) the appointment of committees, standing or ad hoc, employees, agents, concessionaires, professionals, or specialists for the purposes and objects of the Union.

(g) the conduct, control, and management of the affairs of the Union and generally for any purpose incidental or ancillary to the carrying out of its objects and the exercise of its powers.

## ARTICLE VII Recall

S.1. Any by-law, election or appointment of the S.R.C., resolution or appointment of the S.R.C. (hereinafter referred to collectively as a "decision") may be altered, cancelled, postponed, or modified by the members of the Union in the following manner:  
(i) upon receipt by the President of the Union or in his absence by a member of the Executive Committee of a duly enacted petition in protest of any decision within two weeks of the date of publication of the said decision by at least 10 percent of the members of the Union, the S.R.C. shall reconsider the particular decision in protest at a special meeting to be called within one week of the receipt of the said petition.

(ii) all further action, where lawfully possible, shall be suspended relative to the subject matter of the aforementioned petition until the matter is settled.

(iii) after the S.R.C. has duly reconsidered the relevant decision and have not changed the decision to the satisfaction of 5 percent of the members of the Union - such dissatisfaction being duly registered in the form of a duly registered petition presented in the same manner as a duly enacted petition - within two weeks of publication of the minutes or results of the special meeting, the S.R.C. shall call a general referendum in the matter of the decision under protest.

(iv) the referendum shall be called within two weeks of the last mentioned duly registered petition with publication of an intention to hold a referendum to be affected at least one week prior to poll.

(v) poll shall be conducted in the same manner as a regular election of the President of the Union.

(vi) the result of the aforementioned referendum regarding the decision under protest in the duly enacted petition, will stand or be defeated according to the majority result of the said referendum, as if it were passed or defeated respectively by the S.R.C. at a regularly constituted meeting. In this context, the referendum will take the same form as a duly enacted petition and in addition, there shall be an indication that this referendum is an official referendum.

S.2. For Greater Certainty

## No more applications till January

Due to lack of time between now and Christmas, Up Hill Productions will not be accepting any applications until January.

Watch the Bruns for a notice of meeting in early January. "This will give us plenty of time to accomplish some very exciting and worthwhile television productions during the winter," said an Up Hill Productions spokesperson.

(a) "duly enacted petition" means a petition containing the unabridged wording of the original decision with a simple indication of agreement or disagreement of the aforementioned decision.

(b) a "special meeting" means a meeting held only to consider the decision which is the subject matter of the aforementioned duly enacted petition.

(c) "until the matter is settled" means the expiry of any limitation period or the result of any resulting referendum.

(d) "duly registered petition" means a petition containing the unabridged wording of the original decision, the resolution from the special meeting held to reconsider the original decision showing or indicating any change or changes in the original decision if any, and a simple indication of agreement or disagreement with the said change, if any.

(e) "publication" means publication in the same manner as regular notice of meetings and/or minutes of S.R.C. meetings.

## ARTICLE VIII Meetings

S.1. The S.R.C. shall hold regular meetings at least twice monthly during the months of October to March inclusive expecting the month of December during which at least one meeting will be held.  
S.2. Notice of regular or special meetings shall be posted in accordance with the By-laws.

S.3. All meetings shall be open to members of the Union and the University Community.

S.4. A Union member may be recognized by the Chair in the absence of any reasonable objection from any member of the S.R.C., the question of whether an objection is reasonable or not in this context shall be decided by the Chair.

S.5. Except as inconsistent with this Constitution or the By-laws, Robert's Rules of Order shall be applied.

S.6. A quorum shall consist of at least 50 percent of the voting positions of the S.R.C. or where otherwise specified in the By-laws.

## ARTICLE IX Amendments

S.1. Amendments to this Constitution or the By-laws shall require a two-thirds majority vote of the S.R.C. Amendments to the Regulations shall require a simple majority vote of the S.R.C.

S.2. All proposed amendments to this Constitution or By-laws shall be presented to the S.R.C. by its Constitution Committee.

S.3. The Constitution Committee shall give notice of motion, in the case of amendments to the Constitution, within two weeks, and in the case of amendments to the By-laws, within one week, to the S.R.C. prior to the meeting that any amendment is to be voted on.

S.4. All proposed amendments to this Constitution, the By-laws, Regulations and/or any Constitution, By-laws, or Regulations under the authority of the S.R.C. shall be published in accordance with provisions as set down in the By-laws attached to this Constitution.

## ARTICLE X Addendum

S.1. In this Constitution and By-laws

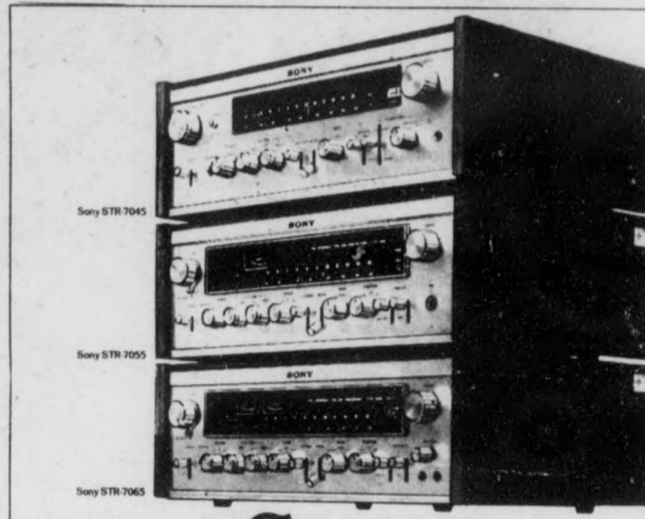
and/or Regulations made hereunder, the singular shall be construed as plural and vice-versa, the masculine shall be construed as the feminine and vice-versa.

S.2. Where any appointment has been made by the S.R.C. or the Executive Committee, whichever the case may be, such appointment shall include the power of dismissal, suspension, replacement, reinstatement, and/or the varying or fixing of any remuneration or terms of office for proper cause.

S.3. No person, body, organization, group or association that may be affected by the operation of this Constitution and/or By-laws shall be denied the right to notice and/or the right to a fair hearing on demand.

S.4. Every provision in this Constitution and every By-law and regulation under the authority of this Constitution shall be deemed remedial, and shall receive such fair, large and liberal construction and interpretation as best insures the attainment of the objects and purposes of this Union.

S.5. No elected official or representative may delegate their duties of office as outlined in this Constitution or the By-laws. Where only an administrative matter is involved, this may be done with a two-thirds approval of the S.R.C.



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