

# Earl steps down

—Thorbourne, Howes removal motion tabled

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Chris Earl was forced to step down as vice-president of the Student Representative Council at the first regularly-scheduled SRC meeting Monday night. Earl is a part-time student and according to regulations cannot remain in office unless he is registered full-time.

As a result of this activity the SRC executive cannot maintain a quorum, which requires three voting members on the executive. The voting executive consists of the president, vice-president and the comptroller. Last year it had been decided since the assistant comptroller was not elected that he did not have the right to vote. It is necessary that the quorum be met. As it now stands the SRC is in a

Committee-of-the-Whole and cannot make any decisions on its own. A byelection date has yet to be set to fill the vice-president's vacancy.

SRC President Perry Thorbourne suggested that the vacancy could be filled by two members of council sitting on the executive as non-voting members until a byelection could be held. Council debated the facts. Thorbourne replied that they would not be able to vote but could add input and allow executive meetings to continue.

A counter-suggestion was offered for the impeachment of president Thorbourne and comptroller Steve Howes by science rep Mike Hughson and engineering rep David Lawrence in the form of a notice of motion. The suggestion had been made earlier for the impeachment of the president by Hughson but was quickly passed on to

another question. Forestry representative Andrew Wort suggested that there was no wrong-doing and that if the executive steps down then every member of council should run again.

Within five minutes Thorbourne withdrew from any further input, refusing to finish his summer report. When the business moved on the comptroller's report, Howes did not have one to present. The meeting lasted less than an hour and a half and one councillor said the chairman "Called the meeting to an end so abruptly that nobody knew what happened."

The impeachment process involves two-thirds vote from council or twenty-five per cent of the student body's signatures. This is expected to take place at the next council meeting.



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