

SENATE SAYS NO TO MOTION

Findlay and Hunter say 'See you later'

Two student observers walked out of the Tuesday night meeting of the UNB Senate. The move followed the rejection of Prof. George Semeluk's motion designed to rescind earlier Senate motions which had provided for four elected student representatives.

Lawson Hunter, Law 3, and Pdraig Finlay, Grad. Eng., said that their position as student observers was pointless because the Senate was unwilling to reconsider any of its decisions of the question of student representation.

According to Hunter and Finlay, the student observers had been instructed by the SRC to "try to persuade the Senate to accept seven student members and to open meetings of the Senate." These proposals had been arrived at by a Student-Senate committee last March and had been rejected by the Senate. The senators were adamant in their refusal to reconsider their decisions.

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Pdraig Findlay and Lawson Hunter, the two student senate observers who walked out of Tuesday night's meeting, after the defeat of Professor Semeluk's motion.

Dr. Semeluk, senator from the faculty of science, acting on his own initiative presented a motion which could have opened avenues for further negotiation: *be it ... resolved that the motions headed "Number of Student Representatives", "Election by Constituencies", and "Election Procedures" be rescinded forthwith.*

Be it further resolved that the motion of 23 June, 1969: "Professor McAllister be asked to draw up a set of regulations for the election of student representatives in accordance with the resolutions of 11 March, 1969, in a manner similar to those for the election of faculty members." be rescinded.

12 SAY NO

Six senate members favoured Semeluk's motion, five abstained and the remaining 12 senators defeated the proposal. Notable among the majority voters were G. Forbes Elliot, Dr. Pullman, Dean McNutt, Profs. Love, Hurley, Meagher and McPhedran. Three student senate observers commented on an ironical seating pattern at the meeting. Those members voting against the motion sat collectively as one solid group opposite to those supporting the motions. Acting President Dineen and Registrar Blue occupied the middle seats.

The other senate observers W. Van Den Hoonard and D. Beck, the UNBSJ representative remained in the

meeting. Mr. Van Den Hoonard questioned the senators during the course of the meeting as to whether they were concerned about their image. The senators replied by reaffirming their previous position. When asked why he did not walk out with observers Hunter and Finlay, Van Den Hoonard said, "I exercised my good judgement and for that reason I stayed. I thought it would be most improper and an insult to the Senate."

NOT ACTED UPON

The brief presented Tuesday by the four student observers with the approval of the SRC executive, frankly reviewed the past events concerning student representation. The report noted that the UNB Act provides for student representation on the senate and that the senate itself has endorsed this principle. March 1967 the SRC presented a brief outlining the details of student representation on the governing bodies of the university. None of these recommendations were acted upon. November 1967, the SRC's suggestion, that a committee comprising of

senate members, faculty and students be set up, was not acted upon at that time. At the end of 1968 such a committee was formed and submitted a brief proposing open senate meetings and student representation in the form of 6 students to be elected at large by the student body of UNB in

Fredericton and one student to be elected by UNBSJ. The senate rejected these proposals but suggested that 4 students be elected to the senate.

The brief presented Tuesday night explains that "despite the fact that it was against their policy, members of the SRC did not wish to delay student

representation any longer, and they decided ... to agree with the Senate's suggestion on a pro tem basis."

Student senators were appointed by the SRC owing to the impossibility of

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