

# PROPOSED SRC CONSTITUTION CHANGES

The Constitution Committee has spent the last few months studying and discussing the S.R.C. constitution. In its present form it is awkward, wordy, and often unnecessarily limiting. The committee feels that extensive revision is necessary and hence has come up with some concrete ideas to present to council.

A resolution to many of the difficulties is the division of the constitution into two main parts, a constitution section and a by-laws section. The chief distinction between the two sections is the ease with which they may be amended. The constitution section is brief and contains basic ideas such as objectives and powers. It is naturally made relatively difficult to amend. The by-laws section contains the details which govern the working of the council, such as the duties of the officers, election procedures, committees and other such details which are occasionally subject to change. This section is more easily amended, in that a notice of motion is not required two weeks prior to the meeting at which the motion is to be discussed.

The following is the proposed constitution section.

## STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK CONSTITUTION

### Article I

#### NAME

The name of this body shall be the Students' Representative Council of the University of New Brunswick (hereafter referred to as the S.R.C.).

#### Article II

#### OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the S.R.C. are:

- (a) to act as the representative governing body of the students of the University of New Brunswick.
- (b) to co-ordinate, promote and direct non-athletic student activities, subject

- (c) to the rules and regulations of the university.
- (c) to serve as the recognized medium in non-athletic activities between the student body and the university authorities, the government and the general public.
- (d) to budget and control the monies received by the S.R.C.

### Article III

#### POWERS

1. The Students' Representative Council shall have the power to deal with all matters of student interest.
2. All student organizations except the Students' Athletic Association are ultimately responsible to the S.R.C.

(a) No student society, club or organization as outlined above, with the exception of the Students' Athletic Association shall be conducted in the name of the University of New Brunswick without the sanction of the S.R.C. All such organizations shall present their Constitutions or any amendment thereto to the Constitution Committee of the SRC, which committee shall recommend such sections of the Constitution or amendment as they see fit for the approval of the S.R.C.

(b) The S.R.C. shall hold the right to disallow the appointment of any or all officers and members elected or appointed by the organizations.

(c) All organizations shall, upon request, present a report to the S.R.C. listing activities and a report of finance.

3. The Students' Representative Council, through a committee shall be called the Student Discipline Committee, shall have authority to deal with students who conduct themselves in an unbecoming manner at University functions, on the premises

of the University, and at any other place at which their action might bring discredit upon the University during the academic year.

4. On or before March 15th, the S.R.C. shall appoint persons to positions and grant concessions as outlined in the by-laws, on the recommendation of the Applications Committee.
5. Annually the S.R.C. shall fix fees, subject to the approval of the Senate of the university, which shall be compulsory for all students attending the University of New Brunswick.
6. In the event of any organization's deliberate violation of its constitution or of the constitution of the S.R.C. or of its standing committees, the president of this organization may be called to appear before the S.R.C. to explain and/or justify the action of the organization. The S.R.C. may then take any action which it deems necessary, subject to the approval of the President of the University.

### Article IV

#### MEMBERS AND THEIR QUALIFICATIONS

The S.R.C. shall be composed of the following members to be chosen as provided here and elsewhere in the constitution and by-laws.

#### (1) Honorary Members

(a) An honorary president, who may be appointed for the term of one year by the S.R.C. and who shall be a close associate of the University of New Brunswick.

#### (2) Voting Members

(a) The President, who shall be at least a 4th year student in the fall of his term of office, and who must have been enrolled at the University of New Brunswick for the two years previous to the year in which he runs for office.

(b) The first vice-president internal, who shall be at least a 4th year student in the fall of his term of office and who must have been enrolled at U.N.B. during the year previous to the year in which he runs for office.

(c) Nineteen representatives elected by and from the faculties of Arts, Engineering, Business Administration, Science, Forestry, Nursing, Education (consisting of Physical Education and Bachelor of Teaching), and Law, and the post-graduate students, who shall be considered a faculty for the purpose of the S.R.C. constitution. These representatives shall be distributed among the faculties by proportional representation determined from the student faculty

distribution in the second term of the academic year. Each faculty shall have at least one representative.

All members included in (2) must have passed their university examinations with an average of sixty per cent or more.

#### (3) Non-voting members

(a) an executive secretary, who shall not be a student and who shall be employed by the S.R.C.

(b) a chairman, who may be the president, or who may be appointed by the president with the two-thirds approval of the S.R.C.

(c) the chairman of the U.N.B. committees of WUSC and CUS, who need not be required to attend meetings at which subjects of interest to their organizations will not be discussed.

(d) a faculty advisor who shall be appointed by the president with the two-thirds approval of the S.R.C.

### Article V

#### OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION

The executive committee of the S.R.C. shall consist of:

- (a) The president, who shall be elected by the general student body.
- (b) The 1st vice-president internal who shall be elected by the general student body.
- (c) The 2nd vice-president internal who shall be appointed by the president from among the elected faculty representatives, with the two-thirds approval of the S.R.C.
- (d) The chairman of the finance committee, who shall be appointed by the president from among the elected faculty representatives, with the two-thirds approval of the S.R.C.

### Article VI

#### MEETINGS

The council shall meet at least twice monthly, half of the voting members constituting a quorum. All meetings shall be open to the student body. A student may request of the chairman the right to express his opinion on any matter under discussion, or to ask questions. "ROBERTS RULES OR ORDER" SHALL BE FOLLOWED.

### Article VII

#### METHODS OF AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION

All amendments to this constitution shall be presented to the council by the constitution committee. This committee shall give notice of motion and a brief description of the implications of the motion at a meeting 2 weeks prior to the meeting at which the motion is to be discussed and voted on. The amendment must appear in the Brunswickan and be posted on all main bulletin boards for ten days before the latter meeting. A 2/3 majority is required for ratification.

Amendments to the by-laws shall be presented to the council by the Constitution Committee and may be passed by a 2/3 majority at the same meeting.

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