

Council prepares for CAUT censure

The SRC plans unprecedented mass publicity this week to educate students as to the effects of the proposed CAUT censure of the University of New Brunswick.

Council took action last night after a report was handed down by a committee on the effects of censure on UNB. The committee was made up of Alistair Robertson, Dave MacMullin and Bob Hess.

The report says that short-term effects (less than two years) will not be major because CAUT does not ask professors to leave. But long-term effects will be the inability of UNB to hire good faculty and the lessening of the value of a UNB degree. The report was circulated on campus Friday.

At the meeting Robertson announced that the situation had changed. At a Saturday meeting the Association of University of New Brunswick teachers passed several motions which "by implication give AUNBT support to the board of governors, rather than CAUT," said Robertson.

"At the first CAUT censure (last year at Simon Fraser University) the faculty sup-

ported CAUT and the association recommended that the faculty stay there and attempt to change the university from within.

SUPPORT ISOLATED

"Here, the faculty who support CAUT are isolated. They can effect no change, exert no force. CAUT won't recommend that faculty leave but now they certainly won't recommend that they stay."

"There is an immediate and serious crisis. The censure will destroy education at UNB," said one council member.

Several pointed out that censure at this Saturday's meeting of the council members CAUT was inevitable.

Dan Weston, arts 3, said direct action was necessary to the board of governors and CAUT into lifting the censure as soon as possible. He pointed out that if a student strike is called, it must be carried out properly, with strategic propaganda.

But council members vehemently rejected direct action and said that education was the essential action. A motion calling for a strike referendum was defeated, no votes for, 10 votes against and two abstentions.

"Students have been inactive pawns. Council been sending notes for 20 years. Now is the time to discuss action rather than letters," said Weston.

But Weston was refuted by grad rep Pat Murphy and arts rep Peter MacDonald.

"There must be publicity and discussion among the students," said Murphy. "People may do things they regret, if direct action is encouraged without discussion."

EDUCATION ESSENTIAL

Murphy said that if council acted without informing the students of the severe crisis, there would soon be chaos on campus. He said direct action must be avoided unless the students support it.

At this point MacDonald made an omnibus motion providing for mass publicity. He said that the students must understand the position of the university now and what it will be in the future.

"We must unify the student body at a reasonable level," he said.

"Talk of a strike is no good." MacDonald's motion asked for a one or more teach-ins, time on Radio UNB, posters and notices to publicize the crisis situation. The motion further said that a referendum

be held to poll student opinion on this matter.

Later amendments to the motion said that a committee be set up to co-ordinate all publicity, to get time on local radio stations to advertise consequences of a censure.

The committee members, grad rep, David Knight, education rep, Judy Mullin, Brunswickan editor, Ian Ferguson and MacDonald met immediately after the council meeting and further decided to advertise in the Daily Gleaner and the St. John Telegraph-Journal.

FORUMS THIS WEEK

Robertson, MacMullin and SRC president Mike Start will speak at mini-forums at McConnell Hall Tuesday at 5:30 and Lady Dunn Hall Wednesday at 5:30.

Speakers at a massive Thursday night forum in the SUB ballroom will include Start, Robertson, MacMullin, a faculty supporter of CAUT, a faculty supporter of AUNBT's recent decision and a member of the administration. The

committee will also try to bring in a speaker from CAUT's national executive.

Knight, another strong proponent of education-before-action, said that although education concerning the crisis wouldn't stop censure, it can aid in more immediate action in having censure lifted before serious damage is afflicted.

Weston said that the important matter in any education drive was to point out that censure illuminated a long period intellectual corruption at UNB.

"We must show the students that the structure of the university inhibits them. The administration doesn't give a damn about the students here."



Dave Knight



Peter Macdonald

UNB will be censured

"CAUT censure (of the University of New Brunswick) is inevitable."

This was the feeling of council members as they acted last night to inform students as to the serious effects of censure.

Saturday morning the national council of CAUT will

meet and probably impose censure on the board of governors of the university.

The Saturday meeting was convoked for the specific purpose of discussing the censure if CAUT's three demands concerning the Strax case weren't met. The three conditions were setting up a CAUT arbitration committee to settle the dispute between prof Strax and the administration, that the university pay all Strax's legal fees, court costs and damages and that the permanent injunction against Strax be lifted.

The board of governors met with CAUT representatives two weeks ago. After the meetings president Mackay made a statement which rejected the second and third demands and said that the university would agree to non-binding arbitration on only certain aspects of the case (Those aspects of "the redress or disciplinary action open to the university" which CAUT felt "were not in issue or sufficiently in the litigation.")

If censure is imposed Saturday, Robertson feels that CAUT may publicize it more widely than they had for SFU.

At Simon Fraser, since CAUT had strong support within the faculty, it only publicized its decision and recommendations in the CAUT bulletin, said Robertson.

"But because of weak support here, CAUT may advertise in the national media," he said.

Pass motion unanimously

The following motion, moved last night by SRC rep Peter Macdonald and seconded by Pat Murphy, was passed unanimously.

"Be it resolved that: 1 Radio UNB be requested to publicize this possible censure, emphasis being laid on immediate and long-term effects. 2 That a written report be issued by council through Messrs. Robertson, Hess and MacMullin as soon as possible. 3 That the Brunswickan issue a flash this week, if possible. 4 That a forum be held in the SUB ballroom sometime this week to acquaint as many students as possible with the situation. 5 That ample publicity re posters, notices be issued to publicize the forum and the issue. 6 That a referendum be held to determine the feeling of the student body on this matter. 7 That Messrs. Robertson, Hess, MacMullin and others be requested to go on Radio UNB and discuss this problem of censure and that the possibility of buying time on radio stations CFNB and CBZ be investigated for the purpose of advertising the consequences of censure. 8 That such publicity be organized and co-ordinated by a committee set up by council."

The motion passed unanimously.

By-election declared void

The student council last night declared last week's vice presidential election null and void.

There will be a re-vote on Friday which will hopefully end the SRC's election woes over the year. The same candidates, Grant Godfrey, Kevin MacKinney and Don Thomson will stand for election.

Polls will be open 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the academic buildings, 11:30 - 1:30 and 4:30 - 6:30 at Lady Dunn and McConnell Hall and 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. in the student union building.

Last week's vote was nullified for several reasons. The bylaws of the SRC provide that ballots be marked

with an "X". The instructions on last week's ballot said ballots could be marked with a check or an X.

The bylaws also state that polling stations must be manned by two polling officers at all times. At least twice last week boxes were left unmanned for a period of time, once in Carleton Hall and once in the nursing building.

And there were three more ballots in the McConnell Hall ballot box than there were voters who cast their ballot there.

The motion to declare the elections void read that there be a revote (with the same candidates) rather than a new

election which would include opening nominations.

Christine MacKimmie was the only councillor to take a strong lead in demanding a new election. Her stand was substantiated by the fact that one of the nominations was received late and the chief returning officer accepted it.

Miss MacKimmie pointed out that if this nomination were accepted for a re-vote and the candidate won the election, then the losing candidates could rightfully protest and the second election would also have to be invalidated.

But council ignored her protestations and passed the motion. She was the only one who voted against it.

Events this week

Monday

Beginning today, advertising each day, until Thursday, in the Telegraph-Journal and the Daily Gleaner.

Tuesday

Mini-forum in McConnell Hall with Start, MacMullin, Hess and Robertson, 5:30.

Wednesday

Mini-forum in Lady Dunn Hall with Start, Robertson, MacMullin and Hess, 5:30.

Thursday

Massive forum in SUB ballroom with SRC members, faculty, administration and hopefully CAUT representatives. In the evening, time will be announced.

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