

UNB Student Union Page

Newbould making empty threats: UNB Student Union

Threatening to decrease the quality of education if the province limits tuition fee hikes has no place in a reasoned discussion on the future of education, the UNB Student Union said today. And the president of the student union chided Mount Allison University president Ian Newbould for hiding his real agenda behind threats regarding education.

"If Ian Newbould is suggesting that universities should have no restrictions on tuition fees, I hope he's prepared to open his school's books and let the taxpayers see for themselves," said UNBSU President Kelly Lamrock. "When any university president tells me he needs our tax dollars and has to charge user fees on top of that, I ask — 'how much did you spend on executive expense accounts last year? how much on non-educational programmes? what king of efficiency reviews have you put in place?' Let's make that public."

"Really, coming from a president who runs one of the most closed-door administrations going, the statement is rather outrageous."

Mr. Lamrock was responding to Dr. Newbould's statement on the front page of Wednesday's *Telegraph-Journal* where Mount A boss said that he wants freedom for unlimited tuition fee without limitations from the provincial government.

The UNB Student Union last night adopted a list of eleven cost-saving measures their university could implement before raising tuition fees, including reductions in executive expensive accounts and staff, reviews of physical plant operations and contracting-out of several student services.

Concluded Mr. Lamrock, "What Dr. Newbould wants to do is use the tax dollars of New Brunswickers to build a school they can't afford to attend. I hope (Advanced Education Minister) Roly MacIntyre will let New Brunswickers see for themselves before he hands a blank cheque to university administrators to gouge students."

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Union does represent students.

As Vice-President University Affairs, my position requires me to represent students on academic issues within the university administration structure. This entails sitting on many committees and discussing issues relevant to academics at UNB. Among these issues this year has been the right for students to vote on university's committees. The right for students to vote was passed at a meeting of the UNB Senate, however was not passed by the Saint John Senate. The ultimate approval of such a decision lies with the UNB Board of Governors. UNB-Fredericton Campus has two student representatives on the Board of Governors. Currently they are Kelly Lamrock, Student Union President and Jeff Clark, Vice-President External. The major difficulty with getting student voting rights passed at the BOG is that some believe the UNB Act is strict

determine the exact implications of the UNB Act in this case.

This is the first of many issues that have been arising throughout the year. Hopefully any students that hold concerns in this or other areas regarding academic affairs at UNB will not hesitate to contact me at univaff@unb.ca or call 453-4955 at the Student Union office.

in its description of student rights in university committees. It is questionable whether the language of the part concerned does exclude student

voting rights and, therefore, the University Solicitor is being consulted to

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