

University Senate discusses Academic future

Debate revolved primarily around proposals of the Academic Planning Committee at the September meeting of the university's Senate.

Having established a tentative schedule of priorities, the report announced that the construction of a computer center was in first place. Dean Gar-

land of the Engineering Department, in giving the report stressed the tentative nature of the recently established priorities. "It is a rolling thing," he said, "to be updated every five years."

Dean of Science, M. Franklin questioned the reaction behind the committee's decision

to go ahead first with the computer center and also disappointment that the long-awaited construction of new Physics facilities would now be realized.

Acting President, W.C.D. Pacey said the reason for the decision was that with the approximately 600,000 avail-

able nothing could really be done for the Physics, Chemistry or Forestry departments but that something could be done for the Engineering Department.

Mr. Garland added that extensions in the Forestry department ranked two on the "rolling" and "tentative" list of priorities.

The Senate's Building Committee report had previously been given to the Higher Education Commission for consideration and although the tentative nature of the report was continually emphasized Associate Professor H.A. Sharp of the Business Administration Department reproached the committee for this action.

Mr. Sharp said that it was imperative and constitutional that all Senate committees report to the Senate before they reported to other areas of the institution itself or bodies outside the university.

Mr. Pacey said that the HEC had requested a report in a short period of time and that the report had been given according to the findings of the APC to that date.

A report recommending changes in the term and election process for student senators was given by student senator, David MacNeil. The report suggested the election of three senators each fall and three each spring for a term of one year. Previously all six student representatives were elected at one time; the new system is to provide for overlapping terms and thus continuity.

The report suggested that in order to effect this method three senators should be elected in the fall elections to serve for a full year and the three runner-up candidates should be elected to a six month term to run until the spring elections.

Previous to his presentation of the report, Mr. MacNeil's eligibility was confirmed by the Senate. Mr. MacNeil al-

though still a student of the university is also employed by it as a lecturer.

The Senate ruled however that since he was "a full time student in good standing" he should serve on the senate in his present position until the end of his term, this November.

Several course substitutions were approved by the Senate in the Biology department in UNB Fredericton and in the Law Faculty. A new Biology course on the Saint John campus was given a one year mandate, replacing Biology 2010-genetics will be a course numbered 2160-marine ecology.

The question of student scholarships, who and why was introduced by the announcement of a \$1,000 Xerox scholarship which has just been awarded to the UNB Business Administration Department. Xerox suggested that it be given to a fourth year student of B.A. with the exception of \$250 which was to be used exclusively by the B.A. Department. The Scholarship will be offered for three years subject to renewal.

Traditionally the UNB Awards Committee has been responsible for the choosing of students for such awards. The guidelines being academic achievement and financial need.

Associate Professor Sharp suggested that such a committee search for guidelines which would allow the academically excellent student to receive the recognition of a scholarship while not necessarily the financial reward when the need is not deserving. Mr. Sharp also asked that the committee re-examine awards of minimal size though of historical value in terms of their practical utility today.

In terms of the type of financial bequest the university Acting President Pacey referred to a recent case where a large sum of money had been granted to the university "for any educational purposes it saw necessary. "The more of such bequests, the better," he said.

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