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Pants down at UBC

VANCOUVER (CUP) — The University of BC Student Council is desperately scrambling to halt a proposed 13 per cent tuition fee hike.

But any successful attempt to delay or halt the university's Board of Governors from passing the increase seems doomed, as many council members admit they have waited too long to act.

"We've got a hell of a problem," Student Council executive member Allan Soltis says. "We've been caught flat-footed."

The student campaign against the hikes is even more confused as student politicians have submitted two reports opposing the hike to the board. The first report was so full of grammatical errors and misinformation that some student politicians felt it necessary to produce a second report.

"Due to (council) laxity, one wonders whether they're concerned or not," he said.

Student society president Bruce Armstrong says, "A 13 per cent increase will prove to be a barrier to further education for many students already on campus. The board should look at the ability of students to pay for increases, not at percentages. They should not base their judgment on business practices."

"We're not a business. This is a university."

There are eight government appointees on UBC's 15 member board. All eight are prominent businessmen with strong connections with the Social Credit government, including one former education minister.

Courses on chopping block

WINNIPEG (CUP) — Over thirty courses will be dropped at the University of Winnipeg next year because of lack of funding, according to the university's Budget Advisory Committee.

Although the exact numbers of courses to be dropped is not yet known, Don Kydon, Dean of Arts and Science, agrees that courses will be cut to make up for the \$125,000 budget cut next year.

The budget cuts are being caused by lack of funding from the provincial government, Kydon said. Because of this inadequate funding the University of Winnipeg has been forced into deficit financing for the past three years, a practice which cannot continue, he said.

"The sooner we get our budget on line and balanced, the better off we'll be," Kydon said.

Kydon also said that deficit budgets in the past have caused morale problems in the university, which is further incentive to balance the budget.

He did not think cutting courses would cause morale problems. "I think the cuts are worth it."

Deficit provoking strike

WINNIPEG (CUP) — The five support staff unions at the University of Manitoba are charging the administration with deliberately trying to provoke a general strike of the campus unions in order to balance its books.

Contract negotiations have broken down with all five of the union locals, who have united in condemning the administration's handling of negotiations. The prospects of a strike which would effectively shut down the campus are large, although all concerned insist that it is the last thing they want.

"The administration can assist their tight budget situation by provoking a strike by prolonging negotiations until the union can no longer tolerate them," said Dave Schaldemose, president of the Canadian Union of Public Employees local on campus.

About half a million dollars would be saved by the university per week in unpaid salaries if the strike took place, Schaldemose said.

SU STUDENTS' UNION INVOLVEMENT and STUDENT REPRESENTATION

:WANTED...

Two (2) full-time undergrad Science students are required for the **Selection Committee for the Dean of Science**. Please submit applications in the near future.

One (1) undergrad UAH Nursing student is required for a position on **Students' Council**. Meets every second Tuesday evening to decide Students' Union matters. Contact David Tharle, SU Returning Officer at 432-5166 in Room 271, SUB. **Deadline** for nominations: November 14th. **Election:** November 21st.

Students interested in working on the **SU Course Guide Committee** which will presents procedures for the publishing of a course guide to Students' Council next term.

Three (3) students required to for the **Long Range Planning and Design Committee** to deal with a present space assesment and formulation of overall SU services and priorities. Meets at call.

Three (3) students required for the **Theatre Committee** to discuss and make policy recommendations to the Theatre Manager. Meets 1st Wednesday of each month.

Three (3) undergrad Science students are required for the **General Faculties Council**. Contact Dave Tharle, SU Returning Officer at 432-5166 in Room 271, SUB. **Deadline for Nominations:** November 14th. **Election:** November 21st. GFC meets once a month to consider University policy on academic matters.

One (1) undergrad student is required for the **Campus Development Committee**, a standing committee of the GFC concerned with campus space, planning, and construction requirements. Weekly or Bi-weekly meetings.

Seven (7) undergrad Science students are required for the **Science Faculty Council**. Considers Faculty policy on academic matters. Two meeting per year. First meeting at the beginning of November!

One (1) student is required for the **Writing Competence Committee**. Reviews writing skills at the University. Meetings at call.

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