



Bosnitch ignores Council calling for his resignation

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Despite council voting 12 to 2 to call for Student Union President John Bosnitch's resignation, Bosnitch plans to disregard the authority of the elected representatives and await the new Council.

The meeting began with Arts representative, Stephen Smith, moving to suspend the agenda, (which Chairman Oliver Koncz claimed did not exist) and in its place establish the motions of John Bosnitch's resignation; Hugh Brown's resignation of Vice-President Services; and the acceptance of Jeff Collin's resignation as Assistant VP Services.

The first indication of how the night would proceed occurred when Bosnitch insisted that he be the mover of the motion to call for his own resignation stating "to prove how meaningless the whole thing is".

In an effort to pinpoint a time on which the resignation be submitted, Council suggested midnight Wednesday. Bosnitch seconded this motion, which subsequently passed.

With that done, the charges were listed on which the resignation call was based. These included John's involvement in the poster issue (dealt with in last week's Brunswickan), and the misleading of Council in regards to said poster issue and the surrounding events.

In regards to the poster issue Bosnitch has appeared on CHSR claiming that he had no involvement in it at all; he told the Brunswickan Editor and others that he designed, wrote, and printed the Downey's Monkeys poster; and with the assistance of VP Services Hugh Brown collected a photo of SUB Director Kim Norris from the Brunswickan. A picture that was used in 3 of the 5 posters in question.



Council asks John Bosnitch to walk away

From there he informed the Council it was all in a "friendly, humorous" act between himself and Kim Norris. These statements were made without the consultation of the SUB Director, who described his reaction as "furious" upon seeing the posters. Furthermore the possibility of them being in the mood and context in which John suggests, Kim describes as

"ridiculous".

In an apologetic gesture, Bosnitch sent a letter of regret regarding the posters and the incidents surrounding them, to the Editor of the Brunswickan and Kim Norris. In his words "the issue has been made into a political football by the most ruthless of opportunists."

When asked why the letter was handed in now instead of

when the issue was being dealt with in Council, John said "I want people to think I was attempting to duck from criticism."

As a point of fact, these events all transpired in the last 2 1/2 weeks, yet when asked for his summation of the night's events John claimed "what happened last night was the culmination of several months of preparation by 1 or 2 individuals who were unable to accept the results of the November elections."

This accusation confused Stephen Smith, the representative chiefly responsible for the resignation movement, since he claims "he supported John in November, and thought he was the man to get things done." As evidence to this, Smith offers the fact that John nominated him for both Arts representative and the Senate back in the month of November.

"It is pretty damn clear", continued Smith, "that the students are not happy with him, he should honor his statements already made and put his seat up on the line." Smith refers to comments John made on CHSR early Tuesday night, stating that if anyone wished to put their seat on the line and challenge him for the leadership, he would accept.

This statement was put to the test when Larry Hansen, an Arts representative accepted the President on his word, put his seat on the line and expressed his intent on running against John for the leadership.

Bosnitch dismissed this challenge citing Hansen's mandate was a day short of expiry, and thus could not be declared a serious proposal.

University President, Dr. James Downey, admitted he was not surprised when John ignored the call for his resignation, but did urge that John "do the honorable thing and

resign. He's always made a big deal about the democratic process, now he must step down as President. He no longer has any moral or political authority to stay on."

Be that as it may, John has stated that he and his executive are looking forward to dealing with the newly elected Council, which he describes as "new, fresh and open-minded." On such a Council will be Andy Savoie, Stephen Smith, Andrew McAllister, John Landry and Paul Higgins, all of whom signed the original motion to call for Bosnitch's resignation.

There exists on the floor for next week's Council meeting a motion calling for John's impeachment.

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