

GRADS NEED COUNCIL

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Does the Graduate Students Association have an adequate structure, that is, an structure that is representative and dynamic?

One possibility is to form a "general council" through departmental elections, run by the GSA. Each department would be eligible for representation on the basis of numbers, i.e. they would have one representative per 25 students, with a maximum of three representatives.

The president and vice-president should be elected on campus-wide elections. The president can "appoint" a secretary and a treasurer, this method guaranteeing a co-operative spirit amongst the senior executive. The general council will elect amongst its members two members-at-large for the executive committee of Graduate School.

There should be a definition of powers of the general council and the executive, to guarantee flexibility and good functioning. The general council is always the ultimate decision making body, but it should delegate certain definite powers to the executive. (These should be written up in the by-laws.)

From the general council the following committees might be formed (which can also draw their members from the general membership):

- * financial committee - headed by the treasurer. Its task is to draw up a budget, to look after the application for funds from different sources (S.R.C. administration), to keep council informed about

the financial situation through regular reports. (The budget can only be prepared on the basis of a plan approved by the general council).

- * publicity committee - to set up a membership newsletter, which is an essential part of any grass roots communications and involvement; to make sure that the regular student newspaper will handle matters of graduate student interest; to deal with media when necessary.

- * education & recreation committee - a group of people that would take it upon themselves to organize and coordinate certain programs and activities of interests to graduate students.

- orientation in the fall
- film programs - there are excellent National Film Board films that can be shown for nothing and would be of great interest to both Canadians and non-Canadians (e.g. films made by Canadian Indians; films on poverty and social change in Canada; films on art and science, etc. A recent NFB catalogue describes all available films.)

- panel discussions and seminars on national and international topics

- socials and dances and festivals

This committee would draw up a tentative program and get various people to organize these events. The committee should not take it upon itself to organize each and every activity; it would be a super-human effort.

Also, this is an excellent area for co-operation with the undergraduate council; the more programs and activities

that can be undertaken together, the better.

- * employment committee - as this is the key problem facing graduates of Canadian universities, a permanent committee should be formed) to collect available information and to disseminate it amongst graduate students via newsletter or the student newspaper) to come up with specific recommendations in conjunction with other graduate student bodies as well as undergraduate organizations elsewhere in Canada. U of T and U of BC have both prepared reports and briefs and compiled information. The committee should get these things together.

- * Committee on interuniversity relations. It is essential to avoid isolation and therefore one has to communicate effectively with graduate student organizations elsewhere. This committee should establish communications with other graduate student bodies, keep them informed about UNB activities and concerns, and report to the general council on relevant matters, about things that it has found useful amongst the activities of the other associations.

This committee could start by asking for:

- programs and plans for next fall
- specific orientation materials
- regular copies of newsletters
- information on employment, student participation and what have you

It goes without saying that this committee would direct all useful material to the appropriate committees.

- * House committee to look into the uses of the graduate student Room and Lounges at Memorial student center. This should not be a separate committee, but should have as its members the president (or vice-president) and one person from each existing committee. Thus the use of the building is tied in an organic way to the plans produced by the committees. This committee should come up with specific suggestions as to how to improve the existing facilities.

This item would have to be

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PROPOSALS

discussed by the general council. Beyond the principle that co-operation between these two bodies is absolutely essential, the moans chosen would depend on many things. If the GSA is a subordinate body, that is, if the S.R.C. is supposed to represent all the students on the campus, the graduate students would have to be adequately represented. If, on the other hand, the GSA has an idea of constituting itself as a separate body, a permanent liaison would be adequate and necessary, particularly since a part of the GSA total funds would go to the S.R.C. to pay for services it provides for all students.

a) Negotiate more adequate financing - graduate students could pay directly to the GSA the same amount as the S.R.C. is presently getting. (The GSA could then pay a proportion of of this amount back to the S.R.C.)

b) Ask for consultation prior to decisionmaking on issues affecting graduate students. What form this consultation should take should be decided by the general council.

c) Ask for approval in principle for student participation on departmental committees. You can base your case on the fact that this is in fact what is happening in other universities.

RED 'N' BLACK

Once again this year, the senior class of UNB 1971, is sponsoring the 24th annual Red 'n Black Revue. One major change is that the profits of this year's show are going to the Fredericton Chapter of The Canadian Association for the Mentally Retarded. Red 'n Black will be the kickers off

of CAMR's drive for funds to establish a sheltered workshop for the post-high school age group.

This year's show promises to be an excellent one indeed--many of the polished entertainers from past years are back along with some bright new talent. One must always remember that it was just five years ago that Anne Murray sang on the Playhouse stage for Red 'n Black Revue.

Some of this year's acts include Paul Campbell and Mary Ogilvie, The Barbie Dolls John Wilson, Ann-lee and Peggy, Wind, Frank and Edna, and a few excellent skits.

Mike Ross, this year's R&B director said "This year's show should be really good--many of the groups from last year are back and are much improved and some of the new groups are 'really different'. Everyone has worked very hard for the show--we all have good spirit and I'm sure we'll be 'up' for the show".

The tickets are on sale in the SUB and at the Playhouse.

THEFT

Approximately \$170.00 was taken from two pool tables in the SUB Games Room last Sunday night. The two machines were "damaged somewhat" but not severely, according to the Building Director, Kevin McKinney.

The money, which was 5 or 6 days revenue, was taken Sunday after hours. This is not definite however, and as investigation is underway, the results of which will be released next week.

A screw-driver is thought to have been used in the crime. No finger prints were taken, and it would appear that the SUB has little to go on.

Time for Reflection

The staff of the Brunswican wishes to express its sympathy to the family and friends of the late William (Bill) Walker, who passed away Saturday, October 31, at the age of 71.

Because of his participation and interest in the city of Fredericton, and as a friend of the Brunswican, his absence cannot go unnoticed.

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