

# Lamrock and Clark react Two candidates run for SU Presidency

by Gordon Loane  
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Dr. Elizabeth Parr-Johnston's nomination to be the next President of UNB has won initial approval from at least two students who sit on the University's Board of Governors.

Jeff Clark, who also has a seat on the Fredericton Senate, planned to vote in favor of the nomination at last night's Joint Board/Senate meeting.

"Dr. Parr-Johnston has a long list of credentials that span a wide variety of areas including university administration and private companies like Shell Canada," says Clark. "From what I can gather she is very well qualified."

"It is definitely going to be interesting to see the first woman President at UNB," he said.

Student Governor and UNB Student Union President Kelly Lamrock shares Clark's opinion.

"The nominee is familiar with how government and the private sector work and it will put her in good stead. Both in lobbying government and in working with private sector in terms of securing projects," he said.

"I cannot argue with her academic credentials although I hope at Yale University she didn't get attached to the tuition fees."

Lamrock said the Mount Saint Vincent University students he has talked to have always given Parr-Johnston high marks for being open and accessible.

"I certainly don't have any trepidation's about her right now," he said. "Mount Saint Vincent's



SU President Kelly Lamrock

photo: Warren Watson

administration has a reputation for being very progressive and open so that would certainly be welcome here."

To that end, Lamrock wants to see Parr-Johnston establish a spirit of openness at UNB. "We need to open up the budget process, we need to open up the books at UNB to public scrutiny."

"I would also like to see the curriculum enhanced at UNB by expanding our co-curricular program creating a learning climate on campus," Lamrock said. "There are continuing issues like accessibility and campus diversity to be addressed."

A high priority for the Student Union is expansion of the SUB. Lamrock is quite confident students at Saint Thomas will vote in favor of the project in a referendum slated for mid-March.

"From there, we will all be sitting down at the end of UNB's Venture

Capital fundraising campaign and start setting out plans," he said. "I cannot see a new President coming in and un-doing what we have achieved so far."

Meanwhile, Student leaders are still not happy with their exclusion from the Presidential Search Committee.

"The first meeting after Jeff Clark and I were elected to the university's Board of Governors we moved to amend the regulations to include a student on all future Joint Nominating Committees for the office of President," said Lamrock.

"Since that time the committee chair, Dr. Robert Burrridge, has said a permanent seat for students might be a part of the Search Committee's final recommendations to the Board of Governors."

If this is not the case, Lamrock vows to bring up his original motion for a vote at a future Board meeting.

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Two candidates have declared their intention to seek the Presidency of the UNB Student Union in elections slated for March 19 and 20.



Jeff Clark Photo: Mike Dean

Jeff Clark, currently Acting VP of the UNB Student Union, says making the President's post a full time position is one of his top priorities.

The SU President would be paid on a 40 hour a week basis, but would be restricted to one academic course a term.

Council has yet to adopt the measure but Clark feels an organization with a \$700,000 budget should have a full time President.

Currently the SU President receives a full time salary during the four summer months and a \$3500 honoraria during the regular eight month academic year. There are no course load restrictions. Clark plans to graduate with a degree in Biology this spring but intends to return to school next fall. "I've been here now for four years and I've seen lots of things happen."

"I want to make sure that I have one last say in what goes on." Clark says he wants to see the new Student Resources Center grow and build. He also wants to see Orientation get back on its financial feet, referring to the \$29,000 deficit the

organization incurred last September. Clark plans to re-offer for a seat on the university's Board of Governors.

"I believe the President of the Student Union should seek a seat on the Board," Clark said. "It keeps them in touch with what is going on at the Administration level. It not only gives the Student a voice but it gives the Student Union a voice as well."

Meanwhile, Clark's opponent for President will be Jeff Melanson, Orientation Chair last fall and Chair of the UNB Student Union for the last six months. Melanson has been very active in Red 'N Black and the student part of the university's Venture Capital fundraising campaign.

"I've been involved with the Student Union for the past three or four years and I've seen a lot of things and individuals come and go," he said. "I think I have a lot of strong leadership skills, past experience and a level head."

Melanson said accountability to students will be a top priority if he gets elected. "I feel that the average undergraduate student feels out of touch with what the Student Union is doing."



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by Chris Pronty

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