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SUVP questions Task Force methods, recommendations

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UNB Student Union Vice-President Anthony Knight has several concerns about the recommendations contained in the Task Force Report on Tuition and Other Student Fee

Chief among them is a scenario which could potentially push up tuition fees by thirty-five percent or more in certain faculties.

"I was a first year Science student in 1995-96 and I had to make some cutbacks on my own just to get by



"If it increases by 35% I don't know

"If it increases by 35% I don't know what a student is to do," he said.

Knight has further concerns with the per-course fee system that would create a differential fee structure depending on which faculty a student

coming to UNB and interested in ntering an Engineering program it going to cost me more to take Engineering than say Arts simply because there are labs that go along

"Am I willing to incur that debt and am I going to have to make my decision simply based on what sort of program I want to follow based its total cost?" he asked.

Knight also sees students stretching out their degree programs beyond four years because they simply cannot

"I don't think that it is necessarily the right way to go about things on the part of the university and I don't think it is necessarily positive for a

student either," he emphasized. structure leading to possible overflows in certain programs and a decrease of students in others simply because of cost. He questions how the university plans to deal with this

sort of problem.

Knight is pushing to see that the university opens up its books so students can see just exactly where tax dollars and tuition fees are going. "If students are going to pay more tuition why can't we see where our

Knight said if the whole fundamental basis of these recommendations aimed at converting to a per-course fee system is to assign proportional cost towards each faculty why can't we see the

"If the flat fee structure needs to be changed why can't we see why there is such a problem within the university right now?" he asked.

Knight also thinks it is high time

Knight thinks the university might even need to do a study into this and make the report public.

Student Aid program to potentially absorb the extra costs of tuition if they are implemented at UNB, Knight feels reassured.

"I have spoken to the Director of Student Aid, Don Chevarie in the past," he said. "The way the Student Aid Program works is that if students need it, it will be there based on the criteria set by the province. "Chevarie assured me that the Student Aid budget has a certain

"I cannot speak about the Canada Student Loan program, however."

Knight told The Brunswickan this week that there is clear disappointment around the Student Union about the lack of a student

representative on the Task Force.

He said there are a lot of important recommendations that affect the lives

give input after the fact but I don't think that is the best way to go about

While Knight is pleased that UNB will not go the route of adding supplementary fees for recreation, student services or computers for example and can see the rationale behind charging a differential fee for International students he is less than pleased with a practise currently in effect at UNB not even mentioned in the Task Force Report.

Knight feels it is ironic that the University cannot afford to waive audit courses, yet can continue a policy which allows the families of UNB employees to come to

university on half tuition. post-secondary educations and we

should all pay the full price."

"I don't think it is exactly fair just because your Mom or Dad work at tudent either," he emphasized. the university that you should get a Knight sees the per-course fee half-free ride," he said.

Knight, who is in the process of preparing a written submission to the Task Force and plans to ask for an ntment in person, said one of the things he will be pushing for is an increase in scholarships and bursaries as well as the introduction

of work-study grants for students. "We need grants for students who might not be able to come back to university in second term simply because their parents are not able to help them out," Knight concluded.

numbers behind that reasoning?

that students learn how much of public money and tuition money is going to cover administration costs

On the capacity of the Provincial

elasticity," said Knight.

of students and he calls it unfortunate that a student was not present to give

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Science students to be hit hardest Tuition could skyrocket with fee restructuring

GORDON LOANE THE BRUNSWICKAN

UNB students could see tuition fees in most faculties rise dramatically next September if recommendations contained in a discussion paper are adopted by the University's Board of

Governors later this spring.

UNB should begin to charge student tuition on a per course basis, according to a key recommendation contained in the President's Task Force on Future Tuition and other Student Fees Policies released last

At present, full time undergraduate students in all faculties are charged a flat tuition fee of \$2840 a year, regardless of the number of courses

Beginning in September some degree programs will cost more than others and a student's tuition bill will depend on the number of courses taken each year and the total number of courses needed to complete a

In 1996-97, a three credit hour course costs \$284. The university would adjust the fee upward by \$10 to establish a base of \$294 per course.

"When other universities converted from a flat tuition fee to a per course approach for full-time students, the per-course fee was usually adjusted upward to avoid revenue loss from a reduction in total course enrollment as a result of the change in fee structure," the report

Using the adjusted base rate of \$294 per half term course, Table 4-2 (right) contained in the task force report indicates just where tuition fees would go in each faculty if the conversion to a per term course system takes place.

The proposed tuition fee increase would be most dramatic in first year Science, up 34.5 per cent to \$3822 from the current flat rate of \$2840

Fees would vary in other faculties in first year, but could increase 24.2 per cent to reach \$3528 depending on the number of half courses taken in Business, Computer Science and

\$3234 in Forest Engineering, Nursing and Kinesiology.

Tuition would be least affected for

first year students in Arts. Forestry

Beyond first year, total tuition for between \$2940 and \$3822 depending annual tuition charges.

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Table 4-2: Typical Tuition Fees Based on Per Course Pricing (Fredericton Campus)

Ist Year

Credit

30

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Total Tuition

2940

3822

Fees for Full-

on the faculty one is studying in and

Not only could a conversion to a per course fee increase tuition in most faculties, but the per course rate of \$294 can be adjusted upward as well each year depending on the need for

additional university revenue. students could be hit by a so-called "double whammy" next Septemberan increase in tuition because of the conversion to a per course fee and an increase in tuition because of an

upward adjustment in the tuition rate. Still, UNB administration officials may have little choice but to look for more tuition fee revenue next academic year.

"The current 1996-97 budget year saw an actual reduction of \$2,044,100 in the University's annual operating grant from the provincial government", the Task Force Report

approximately \$1.5 million per year are projected for 1997-98 and 1998-99," the report points out.

The report also said UNB should adjust its tuition fees as necessary to maintain the quality of its academic programs and its competitive strength nin the Atlantic region.

UNB's tuition rates are very competitive in comparison to those at other Maritime universities, the report said.
UNB now ranks 15th out of

"Anytime you are talking about a change of this scale, it does cause a lot of concern." - Dr. John Morris, Chair of the President's Task Force on Future Tuition and Other Student Fee Policies

"The report says that UNB should ensure accessibility, but there's no effort to back it up with research or policy. The section studying effects of tuition hikes on students is one paragraph long." - But I Digress..., page 7.

"Tuition fees currently account for a rising share of university operating income. For the University of New Brunswick, fees provided 26 per cent of unrestricted operating income in 1995-96, compared with 19 per cent a decade earlier. During the same period, support from provincial government grants declined from 73 to 66 per cent." - Task Force report on Tution and Other Student Fee Policies - See pages 4 and 5

UNBSU confident Cellar will repay \$7,500 cash advance

JOSEPH FITZPATRICK

THE BRUNSWICKAN

The UNBSUVice-President (Finance & Administration) is confident that the Cellar will repay the \$7,500 advanced by the Union over the holidays by the

at this week's Council meeting. Monique Scholten had admitted that there was little that the SU could do if the Cellar does not repay the loan by the agreed upon time of the end of January.

"If this was the real world, we could sue them," she replied. "But, as it is, since they sort of are us, all we can really do is January.

hope that we can get it back." Scholten also proposed that Council should discuss a policy on this manner and set limits on the amount of money which would be loaned to the Cellar. nce the Cellar opened in 1994, the UNBSU has put over \$100,000 into the operation. Only \$30,000 o that is covered

Shona Bertrand, chair of the Board of Directors of SUBS Inc, the company

which oversees the Cellar, concurs that the money will be repaid by the end of

coming before then," she said, pointing to the events of Winter Carnival. She does admit that there are few punishments which would not seriously affect the Cellar's ability to repay other

money owed to the SU. about the perception that there are ent cash flow problems at the

Cellar," she said, pointing out that the Cellar is substantially different than either

clubs and societies and campus media. For those not used to dealing with a money is flowing out, but not in.

"It's easy to get caught up in the smaller stuff and lose sight of the bigger picture," she concluded. The bigger picture being, that the SU can prove it can develop and maintain a successful



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