



Anne Decarie, Nursing 2, sits gracefully on her throne after being crowned Forestry Queen at the Bushman's Ball last weekend.
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The Senate - What It Is and What It Ain't

"The University Senate, subject to the provisions of the Act, is responsible for the academic affairs of the University ..."

'The University Act - 1968

COMPOSITION

The University Senate is composed of the President of UNB, the vice-president academic UNB, the principal UNBSJ, the principal TC, the president STU, the faculty Deans UNB, the Dean of Graduate Studies, the Director of Nursing, the librarian, the director summer school, the director of extension work, four professors Arts, two professors each of Science, Engineering, Forestry, one professor each of Law, Education, Nursing, faculty and members of the board of Governors, three other Board members, additional faculty and student members (6 each) by November elections.

At present the act provides for 37 senators plus the 12 new faculty and student representatives.

Subsection 4 of clause 30 demands that for every new non-faculty member admitted to the senate another faculty representative will be elected.

POWERS AND DUTIES

The powers of the senate are outlined in the act:

Clause 40 subsection (e): "to recommend to the Board and to approve and consent to the establishment of faculties, schools, departments, chairs, and courses of instruction in the University in any subject, except theology, which to the senate may seem meet and to recommend discontinuance to the Board; (f) to recommend to the Board and to approve and consent to the establishment of bursaries, fellowships, scholarships, prizes, medals and other academic awards and to recommend discontinuance to the Board; (g) to make recommendations to the Board in respect to the affiliation of other institutions, academic planning, campus planning, building programs, the regulation and use of University facilities, and other such matters, whether or not ejusdem generis with the foregoing, as to the Senate may seem advisable; (k) to regulate and determine as to the courses of study; instruction, and education in all faculties, schools, and departments of the University, including summer session and extension,

subject to such exemptions as the Senate may seem meet; (l) to regulate and determine the conditions of award of bursaries, fellowships, scholarships, prizes, medals and other academic awards except when in relation to any such matters the conditions are prescribed by, or are to be

determined by the Board under, the terms of any trust established before, or taking effect subsequent to, the commencement of this Act."

The Senate also deals with such things as the conferring of honorary degrees, the legitimacy of any degree, rules and regulations for management and conduct of libraries, preparation of the university calendar, entrance requirements, dates for the commencement and ending of classes, time-tables for examinations, and; "(y) inquires into all matters tending to enhance the usefulness of the University and to report upon and make recommendations in respect of the same to the Board, the President, the Board of Deans, and the faculty councils as may be appropriate."

MECHANICS

Much of the preparatory work on the matters over which the Senate has jurisdiction is done in committee. Presumably students will be admitted to these committees. In this area it is most important that an informed student voice is heard.

A further advantage of student representation comes with increased opportunity to present student researched recommendations directly to the body which is empowered to act on them.



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