

Discord present in Monday's lengthy SRC session

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Discord marred the Monday night meeting of the SRC, at which councillors and the Executive criticized each other for lack of action.

Lasting four and a half hours, the meeting saw the seating of new councillors and a Vice President, and hot debate on NBLCC cards, Honoraria, the proposed January Student Aid Conference, conference budgeting, the outgoing External Co-ordinator's report, the accessibility of the Executive - and limiting the length of the meetings.

Comptroller Chris Gilliss pointed out UNB has the lowest student fees in the Atlantic provinces of any university with a student union building, and the second lowest overall. He said most other unions in the area are considering fee

hikes this year, and that UNB should follow suit as soon as possible.

Chairman Peter Forbes encouraged council to look at the matter within the next few weeks. He said, "If a fee increase is desirable, you must have your decisions publicized soon to give the students time to do their screaming and yelling now, and eventually become informed why you've done this. Also, the deadline for information to be added to the university Calendar is sometime in December."

Comptroller Gilliss said he would bring the matter before the Administrative Board within the next two weeks.

Gilliss said, "We're going to be very stringent with conference budgets this year. We have only budgeted \$9000 for the Conference

and we have already had requests totalling over \$12000. Anyone applying later in the year for funds will be disappointed I'm afraid."

Budget items passed came mostly from the conference and speakers budgets. They included \$150 to the Law Society, \$380 to the SRC President and Vice-President to attend the AUC-INEC Conference in Hyannisport, \$92 to the History Club, \$231.49 to CHSR to send six delegates to the AAUB conference in Halifax, \$210 to the Business Society to send three delegates to the Atlantic Business Conference in Antigonish, and an annual budget allotment of \$280 to the Black Students Association.

Red and Black was granted a loan of \$300, repayable Nov. 21.

Two appointments were made: Daryl Hebb was named Assistant Chief of Campus Police, and David Collins will be the third travel assistant in the SRC Travel Office.

External Co-ordinator Warren McKenzie ended his term of office Monday night. He presented a report of his activities in the past, and presented several recom-

mendations.

He said, "I've never seen a better internal structure than ours, but I have seen a lot better communication between students and councils, and a hell of a lot better coordination and cohesiveness between universities." McKenzie referred to the Ontario Student Unions as a good example of tight cooperation for mutual benefit.

McKenzie criticized the SRC constitution. "Our present constitution stinks. It's a real mess when we try to get some consistent rulings. We need a lawyer to work with the Constitution Committee, to drastically revise it," he said.

He presented a possible outline for constitutions of student groups requesting SRC funding. He said, "We should give each new group a copy of this. I've seen some pretty terrible attempts at constitutions over the past six months."

He said his term as External Co-ordinator was "exceptional" as he in fact filled the post of vice-president in addition to dealing with external policy. He said, "I feel this post will be redundant now that we have a working Vice-President."

Concerning the leadership of UNB among Atlantic universities which McKenzie has motivated, he said, "We're going to look pretty stupid if we flub it now. We don't have to do anything, the groundwork has all been done; we just have to keep it going. Other universities in the area have beat us to action on preparing their briefs on Student Aid for the January conference. We have to

get on with our report right away. This is an election year, so now is the time to pull together and do some pretty heavy lobbying."

McKenzie also recommended the creation of a Public Relations officer position. This officer would publicize council policy to the students, and the reasoning behind it. "And he should stay the hell out of pubs and entertainment publicity," McKenzie added.

Gilliss moved that council act immediately on the preparation of a student aid report, due to the upcoming provincial election and the bargaining power it will give student unions.

Councillor Sheryl Stone then criticized the executive for their delay in action on this matter since it was decided to prepare such a report in late September. "This was top priority two weeks ago - how long till we see action?" she demanded.

Members of the executive admitted a certain slowness in their actions in preparing the report, but affirmed the time to act is now and assured council they will begin to work on it immediately. Stone said she would "check at the office (SRC President's office) Tuesday evening", addressing her remarks to President Peter Galoska, "and maybe you'll be in."

McKenzie continued, "council support over the last year, in respect to the September student union conference, stunk. No one could take the time this summer to write a few lines about what should have been done at the conference. It was one of the most important

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