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Administration considers drastic measures against Student Union

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The administration of UNB is considering refusing to continue to collect student fees for the Student Union.

On Wednesday, Dr. James Downey, President of UNB, held a meeting to discuss this issue. Representatives for several student organizations attended this meeting. These organizations included CHSR, the Orientation Committee, the Engineering Undergraduates Society, the Campus Police, and the Brunswickan.

Also present were John O'Brien, University Comptroller; Don Eagle, Dean of Students; and James O'Sullivan, VP Finance of the university.

The meeting was called due to complaints made to Downey by several student organizations. These complaints were about problems the organizations have been having with the Student Union. Several of these organizations have already stated that they no longer recognize John Bosnitch as President of the Student Union. Downey felt that it is time that these problems with the Student Union were dealt with by the administration but wanted feedback from the organizations involved.

Downey put forth four suggestions at the meeting:

1. The administration can continue to collect fees for the Student Union.

2. The administration can allow the Student Union to collect their own fees. (This would be voluntary on the part of the students.)

3. The administration can collect voluntary Student Union fees.

4. The administration can collect a student activity fee instead of a Student Union fee. (This money would then be allocated to the different

organizations and faculty clubs by the university.)

The fourth option received the greatest amount of discussion. Downey did not have any suggestions as to the procedures that would be involved if this plan of action was to be implemented.

No one at the meeting presented any objections to this fourth plan. The representatives of the student organizations seemed to be in agreement that this would be the solution to their problems with the Student Union.

Downey stressed the fact

that this temporary and drastic measure will be considered only if the Student Union does not resolve these conflicts on its own. If this measure is taken and the Student Union cannot survive, it will be up to the students of UNB to reform a Student Union with a new con-

situation.

No final decision was reached at the meeting. Downey said that he would like more time to consider this matter. If Downey does decide to act on this proposal, it will first be brought up before the Board of Governors.

Bosnitch avoids impeachment, again

By KELLY MAHER
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Last Wednesday night, the UNB Student Union Council met for over 5 hours in Tilley Hall.

The meeting started off with Computer Science rep Andrew McAllister asking Chairman Oliver Koncz if he was duly recognized as Chairman. Council was concerned that Koncz had not been properly ratified. Koncz ruled that he was Chairman and McAllister appealed the decision.

After much discussion, John Bosnitch, President of the Student Union, stated that the Chairman cannot rule on any decision concerning himself. Bosnitch then went on to state that Koncz was appointed for a one month probationary period and that, since no one complained about his performance, he was no longer on probation.

According to several councillors, this was not true as they had been told in January, when Koncz was first appointed that at the end of his term he would be judged on performance.

Tony English, VP Finance,

Due to the unsuccessful reparation of a typing error in the word "didn't" in last week's story about the council calling for John Bosnitch's resignation, a misprint occurred. The quote in question should have read "I didn't want people to think I was attempting to duck from criticism." We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused.



Seconds after vote signifies Bosnitch's victory, Lethbridge (left) stares in disbelief. Photo by Jamie Aitken

spoke of the Labour Relations act which states that if there is no objection during an employee's probationary period, the end of that period results in a verbal contract.

Despite the opposition, Koncz remained as Chairman until the vote for impeachment of Bosnitch, when Bosnitch

himself asked Koncz to step down.

The next area of business on the agenda was the seating of new councillors. It was argued that, since there was still old business arising from the minutes, new councillors should not be seated until new business is dealt with.

Bosnitch debated that if this was the case, old councillors could use stalling tactics to remain in office indefinitely.

From there, the meeting proceeded to the status of old councillors whose seats have not been contested, specifically

the engineering reps. Sanjay Singhal and Michael Young whose seats expired this term. Singhal and Young questioned the by-laws which state that a councillor's term of office ceases when a new councillor has replaced him or her. Since no one replaced them, they argued that they should still be on council. Nevertheless, they were removed from council.

When the meeting moved to the impeachment vote, Timothy Lethbridge put forth a motion to remove Koncz.

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