



# Downey to push for not collecting fees

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On Monday, April 7, Dr. James Downey, President of UNB, held yet another meeting with several UNB students. The purpose of the meeting was to further discuss taking action against the Student Union.



President, James Downey

Downey has decided on a definite plan of action. On May 21, he will make a proposal to the Board of Governors. He will propose that the administration discontinue collection of Student Union

fees. In its place, he has suggested that a student activity fee will be collected. This new fee will be dispersed to student organizations and clubs by the administration.

Downey said "The Student Union is no longer able to perform its duties to the satisfaction of the administration and the students." He added that

he will reverse this decision before the May 21 meeting if the Student Union "cleans up its own house." Downey does not feel confi-

dent that the Student Union will change enough to warrant a reversal of his decision. He said if they do, it will be a 'miracle'.

## Letters increase tension between Downey and Bosnitch

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to Bosnitch's suspension from the University.

Both of these letters are printed following this story.

Bosnitch said that he is discouraged about this letter. He said "I had hoped Dr. Downey would have addressed

the real issues, specifically the continued student fee collection, and to deal with the status of the Student Union."

April 9th, 1986

To Members of the Student Union:

In November 1985 I was re-elected President of the UNB Student Union. The Student Council has just recently defeated an attempt to impeach me, and my political opponents have failed to collect a petition of the student body calling for my removal.

The President of the University of New Brunswick, James Downey has stated that he may not collect the regular \$30 Student Union fee that every full-time undergraduate student is required to pay to the Union each fall. Dr. Downey proposes instead to collect an "activity fee" which he will administer and distribute to CHSR radio, the Brunswickan and various other student organizations.

The possibility of funding being diverted from the Student Union without general student consent disturbs me. As a result, I offer my resignation as President in return for a guarantee that the University will sign a permanent contract to collect the \$30 Student Union fee (not to be confused with any "activity fee" which would not be turned over to the Student Union) from every full-time undergraduate student, said Student Union fee to be turned over directly to the Student Union Inc. without delay upon collection at registration.

Such a guarantee, coupled with the permanent preservation for the Student Union of the offices now occupied by Student Union organizations in the SUB, would presumably put an end to the recent campus conflicts.

John Bosnitch  
President

9 April 1986

Dear Mr. Bosnitch:

On September 21, 1984, I wrote to you concerning your unacceptable behavior and providing written warning that any further misbehavior could result in your suspension and expulsion.

I am aware of your admitted role in the creation of several posters which were placed in prominent locations on campus during the week of March 16, 1986.

These posters were intemperate, libelous and completely unacceptable. They were obviously aimed at ridiculing and denigrating the SUB Director, certain students and the President of the University.

I am writing now to notify you that your behavior will be subject to an inquiry and that I may invoke the powers of this office to suspend you with a recommendation to the Board of Governors to exercise its powers of expulsion. You will be further advised in due course.

Yours truly,  
James Downey  
President

## Bosnitch petition near completion

Whereas the UNB Student Union Council has, by majority vote, called for the resignation of John Bosnitch, President of the Student Union, this petition shall, under the By-laws XIV "Removal From Office":

7. (b) Subject to 7. (c), an elected officer is deemed to have offered his resignation upon presentation to Council of a petition asking that he be removed from office, signed by at least twenty-five percent of his constituents.

(c) If more than twenty-five percent of the signatories are from one of the faculties or schools listed in By-Law XI (s.11) only enough of the signatories from the faculty or school to constitute twenty-five percent of all signatories shall be used (sic) whether twenty-five percent of the constituents have signed the petition.

The names signed herein agree that Mr. Bosnitch has lost the confidence and respect and trust of Council and of the students of the University of New Brunswick.

We, the undersigned members of the University of New Brunswick Student Union do hereby call for his removal from office under the By-Laws and Regulations of Student Union.

Name (print clearly) UNB ID # Faculty Signature

the recent poster campaign attacking students and staff of UNB.

Last Friday, April 4, a group of concerned student councillors began circulating a petition call for the "removal from office" of SRC President, John Bosnitch.

This action is being initiated by: Steven Smith, Terry Young, Eric Semple, Jackie Hatherly and others because they feel that "Mr. Bosnitch has lost the confidence and respect and trust of Council and of the students of UNB."

This decision has been based on John Bosnitch's contempt of Student Council and the students of UNB displayed by his denials of involvement in

the petition is filled, according to the Constitution, it must be presented to the Chief Returning Officer and Mr. Bosnitch must leave office immediately. A copy of this petition will also be submitted to the University Secretary, James Woodfield.

Downey said that his position of fees is open for discussion. He said "If a council that had its affairs in order came to me and wanted to discuss an agreement, in regards to the collection of fees, the handing over of fees, and other matters, I would be prepared to do so. But I repeat that I am not prepared to deal with Mr. Bosnitch."

Also on Wednesday, Downey sent a letter to Bosnitch. This letter deals with Bosnitch's "unacceptable behavior", especially in regards to the posters issue Bosnitch admitted involvement in. This letter informs Bosnitch that his behavior is under inquiry which may lead

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