

National Student Affairs

University of Calgary: SUB Expansion at \$9.9 million: New building done August '98

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The newest figure for McEwan Hall expansion is \$9.9 million, but student leaders say the additional \$1.4 million will be funded internally, or it won't happen.

Students approved a \$4 million expansion in the 1995 Students' Union fall by-election. This number was increased to \$8.5 million when building plans were proposed earlier this year.

The number increased again when the decision to include a link from MacEwan Hall to the library was considered.

According to SU Vice-president (Finance) Akin Jeje, the link was designed in consultation with university administration.

The proposed link will house a restaurant or coffee shop, the university Micro Store, and a 24-hour study hall.

Details have not yet been finalized, but Jeje said it will be financially self-

sustaining, with no additional costs to students.

According to the rationale presented at Students' Legislative Council on Feb. 18, "the Executive Cabinet and senior management are committed to try to complete the project and still, if possible, reduce or eliminate the current expansion levy upon completion of construction."

Jeje said that if items such as corporate sponsorship, a dental office and an ophthalmology office fall into place, as well as plans to re-address the money currently allocated to MacEwan Student Centre, the SU will not have to go back to students for further approval.

"One thing is that the debenture for Old Mac Hall comes up in 1998 and a similar thing will happen for MSC in 2004," said Jeje, adding that bank representatives are working on proposals to combine old fees with the new expansion fee towards financing the project.

"There won't be any additional costs to students," he said. "At the very least we can guarantee that."

The decision to approve the link funding met with minimal opposition in SLC. Academic Commissioners Dominic Chow (Management) and Alex Casuga (Law), spoke against approving the link and voted against it in the end.

Chow questioned the argument presented to council which says the link would be self-sustaining, considering council was asked to approve an extra \$1.4 million.

"If students can get this for free, why doesn't the university pay for it themselves?" he asked.

Chow also said the money might be used more effectively in lease hold improvements or building upgrades.

"All I'm saying is that I question when everyone votes unanimously on this (issue)," he said after the meeting. The SU is in consultation with banks to determine if the link is self-sufficient.

Jeje expects this will be determined by March.

The expansion levy is \$7 per semester for full-time students; it has been collected since Winter 1996.

"Ground will be broken by July," said Jeje. "If everything goes well (completion will be) August 1998."

"I think it's going to create a lot of good for students. They're going to be able to get the space they needed and services as well."

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"Introduction to Computing Services: Information for Students 1996-97." CSD states that "Improper use of computing services may result in withdrawal of access privileges or other penalties," and that "sending obscene or vulgar messages" falls in the category of offenses which are considered improper use.

Stephen Strople, who as University Secretary is chair of the Student Disciplinary Code Review Committee and deals extensively with the Student Disciplinary Committee, outlined a number of courses of action open to the university. According to Strople, the complaint could be handled administratively by the Director of

Computing Services or the Dean of Residence, by the Residence Disciplinary Committee, the Student Disciplinary Committee, the University President or, at the President's request, by a Tribunal of the Board of Deans.

"If CSD dealt with it, it would be a matter of the suspension of privileges or something along those lines. Which of these paths it follows, however, depends on the degree of seriousness or what offense, if any, is perceived to have been committed in this case. I can't say for certain, however, as I have not read the e-mail or heard the facts of the case," concluded Strople.

whose Department has investigated complaints of this nature before, concurs, saying that there are a number of avenues the complaint could follow.

"For example, one case saw men in residence sending offensive messages to women on the Varsity Basketball team. In that incident, we investigated even though it happened in residence and, in the end, pressed charges at the Student Disciplinary Committee. The SDC took the case very seriously, levying stiff fines and making a recommendation for counselling. The guys in that incident thought it was a joke, but it was certainly not funny to be on the other end."

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