

Not giving into pressure says Bosnitch

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On Nov. 18, a vote of impeachment of SRC Engineering Rep John Bosnitch will be taken. The charge is "dereliction of duty in office."

"Because I'm not going to give into pressure but represent matters my constituents feel are right, the council is trying to impeach me," said Bosnitch. "Also, they are displeased with my stand on the CAUSE committee and are trying to discredit it."

Bosnitch included in what he had done since elected, as listed attending every meeting, opposing the deficit budget, demanding the Thorbourne debt be repaid, calling for an SRC investigation for the constitutional change of the SUB question and expressing opinion for the SUB renovations--which was 'no.'

In 1975, then president, Warren McKenzie was requested to resign for violating articles stating "The president may take a maximum of three university courses during the period he is being paid his salary" and, "If the president waives his salary he may carry a full course load." The rules of order in 1975 were not Robert's Rules of Order that the SRC operate under, which means articles for impeachment are not the same now. The council had not forewarned McKenzie of their intentions before the meeting and accused him of taking more courses than a person in his position should. After the councilors realized that McKenzie was not violating the requirements of presidency, the motion was rescinded. But on Oct. 27, 1975 McKenzie submitted his resignation because a "mindless no" attitude had developed

on campus. Also, even though the motion for this resignation had been withdrawn, it had destroyed the support and trust he needed to continue in the job.

The next motions of impeachment were on Sept. 22, 1980 when Perry Thorbourne, president of the SRC and Stephen Howes, comptroller, were motioned to be removed from office subject to Bylaw XIV Section 6. This Bylaw and section is the same one under which John Bosnitch is being impeached. The Thorbourne and Howes motion was made because some council members felt the office hours had not been kept in the summer and the salary had remained the same. The vote on Sept. 29/81 kept Thorbourne and Howes in office.

Other members of the council would not comment on the impeachment issue because it is against the

rules of the constitution and everything would be presented at the next meeting. The meeting will be held in camera, which means only the SRC will be present. This is against Mr. Bosnitch's wishes. It has supposedly been votes of impeachment were held in camera but other people did manage to attend in the past. The letter presented to Mr. Bosnitch after the motion to impeach him had three charges:

1. Conduct unworthy of a member of the SRC
2. Dereliction of duty in office.
3. Misconduct in office.

Of these three charges only the second is recognized in the Robert Rules of Order as impeachable.



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