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How your Students Representative Council works



The following is a description of the UNB-SRC and how it operates. It was recently broadcast over CBC radio by Al Bonner on campus report.

The Students Representative Council meets every Monday night at 6:00 in Room 103 of the student union building. Between 11 and 16 people sit down for about 3 hours and talk, wave their arms, or argue.

Council is the board of directors of the student's union of UNB, thus they represent all enrolled students. Their financial responsibilities include handling the income from the student activity fees, and deciding how it should be allotted to the various clubs of the union, such as the newspaper and radio station. The SRC also sponsors activities of its own, like pubs, guest speakers, dances, Winter Carnival and Fall Festival.

Any club not connected with athletics must turn to the SRC if it wishes to be funded by student money. In addition to handling finances, the SRC deals with new projects that will affect the students. These include the new arena, Precinct 1, the student village, or parking regulations.

In the meetings, the main body of council sits around an oval table with a six member head table at one end. These six people are comprised of the secretary who takes the minutes, the comptroller who handles budgets and finances, the Vice President, the President,

the assistant comptroller, and in the huddle of these people is the Chairman.

In order for a club to get money from the SRC, its constitution must be recognized by the constitution committee, of which the Vice President is the head. The VP is usually the returning officer for elections as well, and generally aids the President in the day to day affairs of the SRC.

The President handles relations between the SRC and other University bodies like the Senate, Administration, or Board of Governors. The president is also a non-voting member of the numerous SRC committees.

The Assistant Comptroller is not only involved in finances, but also in SRC sponsored activities like guest speakers or band concerts.

The chairman ensures the meetings are conducted in an orderly and fairly expenient manner according to Robert's Rules of Order. Out of these six people, only three, the President, vice-president and the comptroller are officially on the executive.

The three most important sub-committees of the SRC are the Administrative Board, or AB, the Constitution Committee, and the Applications Committee. The AB is chaired by the comptroller and directly handles the budgets and submits its proposals to council for approval. The constitution committee analyses club's constitutions before submitting them to council. The applications commit-

tee selects people to fill many of the important non-elected positions on campus, such as membership on the Student Disciplinary Committee, or SUB Board. One of the main assets of these sub-committees is to make full-council meetings much shorter and efficient.

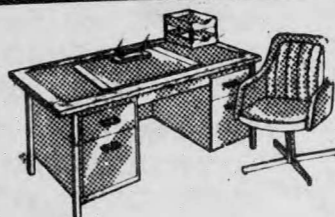
Council members are voted into office, and every student is eligible to vote. Elections are held every year in the spring and again in the fall with about half of council being elected each time. Terms of office are usually one year.

Before being elected one must be nominated. The procedures for this vary with the position. For example, for Rep-at-Large, one needs a nominator and two seconders from any faculty. To run as a faculty representative, one must first be in that faculty, and be nominated and seconded by two people also in that faculty. For the executive positions I mentioned, one needs 10 seconders. Nominations are then submitted to the returning officer and after that it's up to campaigning and election day.

The Students Representative Council is only in existence because of the students. It needs student ideas and contributions. To find out who your rep is if you're a student, contact the SRC Office or

bring your suggestions to one of the executive. The offices are on the second floor office wing of the SUB.

The best thing to do of course is to go to a meeting on a Monday night at 6 p.m.

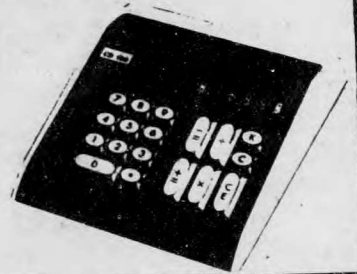


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