



Administration president Colin Mackay was confronted by a group of students including several members of the CSDS, in the SUB cafeteria last week. Using his typical doublethink-doubletalk, Mackay volubly ignored student questions and comments.

Quorum lost after argument

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The SRC lost its quorum Sunday night after an argument between finance chairman Bobin Bunner and several council members.

Bunner walked out after being accused of not contributing anything to the meeting. Arts rep Emerson Wilby also left leaving only nine voting reps, one short of quorum.

"I walked out because a couple of members said I hadn't contributed anything to the meeting," said Bunner. "Of course most of them hadn't contributed anything either. Most people didn't want a meeting that night anyway because it was Carnival weekend."

Carnival was blamed for the poor attendance at the meeting.

Speaking about the present state of the SRC Bunner said, "It's in bad shape."

"There doesn't seem to be any interest in council and a lot of us are worried including (acting president) Alistair (Robertson) and Mr. Charters (SRC business administrator)."

"One part that really worries me is the SRC finances since I'm running for comptroller."

*Council managed to pass several motions before losing quorum. The constitutional amendment removing academic restrictions from SRC candidates was passed. Nominations are open until Monday at noon.

*The SRC passed the following motion in support of the association of University of New Brunswick teachers concerning demands made to the administration by them for proper suspension procedure in the case of suspended physics professor Norman Strax.

The motion urged the administration to act in such a way as to avoid censure by the Canadian association of un-

iversity teachers.

The motion reads: "That council, consequent to its motion of support for the AUNBT (Dec 8) in their stand on the case of a suspended faculty member.

(1) deplores the fact that the university authorities have taken no known action on the matter.

(2) urges in the strongest terms that the university authorities under no circumstances act so as to incur censure by the CAUT and take such steps as to comply with any duly formulated policy on this matter.

(3) urges also that a speedy, just and final academic settlement of the case by sought by university authorities with all possible expedition, so as to put an end to any further distress to all parties - the professor concerned, the faculty and the university at large."

Administration to meet with CAUT next week

Members of the campus community hope differences between CAUT and the board of governors can be worked out.

They were reacting to a proposal by the CAUT executive that UNB be censured because of its mishandling of the Strax affair.

Administration president Colin Mackay said he hoped the differences could be worked out. He also said he felt that the board could have acted differently.

"Obviously, CAUT feels the board should have acted differently," he said.

There is a meeting next week between the board and representatives of CAUT. At

this meeting CAUT will again stress their three demands that the board must meet if they wish to avoid censure. Reports from Ottawa say that CAUT will accept no compromise.

Doug Brewer, president of the association of University of New Brunswick teachers said the executive will propose censure to a full council meeting if nothing fruitful comes out of the meetings next Wednesday and Thursday.

"There should be an arbitration committee set up. But I think the committee should sort out the other points raised by CAUT. "CAUT should be satisfied by having the committee."

Just before Christmas the full CAUT council had met to discuss the matter. After this meeting a letter was sent to the board of governors and president Mackay stating CAUT's three demands.

At this meeting McAllister had argued that CAUT should investigate the matter more thoroughly before taking any action or making any statements. He was outvoted 44-1.

McAllister was also chairman of the board of governors subcommittee set up to investigate the Strax affair. Strax's lawyers termed this committee a kangaroo court. The shorthand transcript of the

CAUT leaders want censure

OTTAWA (CUP) - The executive of the Canadian Association of University Teachers has proposed that the organization censure the University of New Brunswick because of its mishandling of the Strax affair.

In a press release issued Monday, the CAUT executive said it will convene a full council meeting of CAUT on March 15 to discuss the censure.

The statement says CAUT has "repeatedly protested against the action of the university president (of UNB) and board in suspending professor (Norman) Strax without any charges or any provision for an adjudicative hearing". CAUT has asked the UNB board of governors for an adjudicative hearing and the board has not complied.

The censure, should it be imposed, will be the second such action taken in the 19-year his-

tory of the Teachers' Association. The first was imposed on Simon Fraser University last spring for administrative interference in academic affairs. That censure was lifted this fall.

Censure by CAUT means that all members of the Association are advised not to accept teaching appointments at the school and that anyone applying for a job at the school will be advised of the reasons for censure.

To avoid censure, UNB must set up an arbitration committee to hear the university charges against Strax. It must also lift the court order restraining Strax from entering the UNB campus and must assume all legal fees incurred by Strax in his fight with the administration because those expenses were incurred as a "result of the university's failure to proceed in the normal academic way".

Rene Levesque featured at two nations conference

"Canada: A Lament for Two Nations?" is the theme of a Canadian Affairs Conference to be held at the University of Winnipeg Feb 27 - March 1. The conference will attempt an examination of the political future of Canada: separatism, cooperative federalism, and special or associate status for Quebec.

Guest speakers include Charles Taylor, N D P vice-president; Rene Levesque and Gilles Gregoire, president and vice-president of La Parti Quebecois respectively; Arnold

Edinburgh, editor of *Saturday Night*; Jean-Guy Cardinal, Quebec's minister of Education; and Robert Andras, minister without portfolio.

Two delegates will be sent from UNB. Applicants are to present their written applications to a meeting of the delegation selection committee to be held on Feb 16, at 4:30 in meeting room 118 (across from the SRC office) in the new student union building.

Interested persons may contact Luanna Patterson, Chairman of the delegations selection committee.

committee's proceedings were destroyed or confiscated and the only report of the committee's findings was one made by McAllister.

Brewer, also a member of that committee, said its findings were irrelevant as far as any decisions were concerned. He said it was an internal committee set up only to get the facts.

Professor Strax agrees that there shouldn't be any compromise between CAUT and the board.

"They must drop the injunction and pay the court costs as well as setting up an arbitration committee," he said.

"One year ago CAUT

announced proper procedure for suspension. There must be binding arbitration by three professors outside the university. Mackay and the board have known these conditions ever since the suspension.

"They say the injunction can't be lifted without going back to the courts but that's just an excuse. The injunction can be lifted by an agreement between the two lawyers and the judge. It's an out-of-court settlement called an agreement under seal."

CAUT's only other censure was at Simon Fraser last year. During this time SFU administration president McTaggart-Cowan resigned.