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Council finally gets down to business

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Last Monday night the Students' Representative Council did house-keeping of old business and attempted to get rid of the backlog of work that had been piling up since last summer. The Council meeting began almost an hour late (because a quorum had not been met) and lasted about three hours.

Councillors Hughson and Lawrence showed their disapproval by going on the record against the approval of Stephen Howes being sent to represent the Student Union at the Entertainment Conference at Waterloo last summer. Howes had agreed that the motion should have never been tabled because a quorum was not met at the June 12 meeting, and it was up to the executive to decide which conference they should attend.

Other motions that were labelled under new business was the approval of the application of Vaughn Fulford for his second term honoraria of \$100 as program director of CHSR and the establishing of an SRC alumni board

committee which will consist of councillor Dave Lawrence and one other member of council, to be named later. Three notices of motion were also labelled under new business stating that, first, an amendment to the By-Law saying "Until such time as an election may be held, the SRC may appoint a member of council in an acting capacity, such member to have full status accorded the position he is appointed to"; second, two members of council be appointed by council to sit on the executive; and third, a motion that the two councillors continue their roles during all council meeting as representatives of the student body, and have a vote on the executive committee.

The following positions were approved by council for the October 22 general election; two arts full-term, two business full-term, two engineering full-term, one forestry full-term, one graduate student associate half-term, one law half-term, one nursing full-term, one physical education half-term, two reps-at-large, one full-term and one half-term; a president, comptroller, and a vice-president.

Also approved by council were the following polling stations for the October 22 general election; the Forestry and Geology Building, McLaggan Hall, Head Hall, Ludlow Hall, the Student Union Building, Lady Dunn, McConnell Hall, the Science Library, Tilley Hall, the Lady Beaverbrook Gym, Marshal d'Avray Hall, and McLeod House. Last year the Law Building was not represented in the last two elections, and many law students had complained that they were not represented by a booth in their building, and that many of them were not even aware an election was even taking place because they very seldom left the Law Building.

One thousand dollars per year was approved under old business to be allocated to counselling services towards the Ken Fuller Memorial Fund, and \$500 dollars allocated for the spring session of the peer counselling program by the UNB Health Centre.

Other old business included a setting up of a special committee to research and make recommendations regarding the Student Union, By-Laws and Regulations consisting of Lynn Fraser, Mike

Hughson, and Randy Macdonald. Donna Yio, Joey Kilfoil, and Jeff Williams were ratified by council to the Administrative Board.

A notice of motion was made to add a new regulation to the Michael R. Cochrane Award Committee Regulation to read "that notice be made in the Brunswickan for the opening of applications for the award, notices are to be placed in the first and last two issues of the Brunswickan each academic year." Another notice of motion was given to amending one of the by-laws stating "Upon a week's notice, any member of council may request a copy of the past two months financial statement. All requests must be submitted in writing to the office of the comptroller." A final notice of motion was given to changes in the financial policy. All notices of motion are heard at least a week depending on the guidelines a week from the time it is given.

Most councillors seem to agree that the council meeting was successful and was probably the best meeting they had in a long time.

SRC accepts minutes

A motion to limit the contents of the SRC minutes for the September 29 meeting to major procedural items was defeated at Monday's regular council meeting.

Rep-at-large Ross Libbey and Science Rep. Mike Hughson told council they felt the minutes were biased and did not contain a true account of what had happened.

Several councillors disagreed as they did not find the minutes biased.

Hughson said the minutes for the meeting should be limited to such items as motions, notices of motions, and so on. He suggested a note be inserted in the minutes to inform students that a tape of the entire proceedings are available.

Business Rep Frank Michaelis said the tape idea was impractical as the tapes were approximately four hours long and the majority of students would never get a chance to hear them. He said in any case, students are informed of council events through the *Brunswickan*. "Even though it's a little bit off, it's better than nothing," he said.

The motion proposed by Engineering Rep Randy MacDonald and seconded by Hughson was defeated and council resolved that the minutes of September 29 be accepted as read.

Ratcliff's appeal procedure changed

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The appeal of former Jones House President Kevin Ratcliff has taken a new twist. James Woodfield, university secretary, confirmed Monday that they special three-man tribunal set up by the UNB board of governors last week will not hear the Ratcliff appeal today as previously scheduled. The tribunal was to have heard Ratcliff's appeal and to have reported its recommendations to the next meeting of the board of governors Wednesday, October 15.

Instead, Ratcliff's written appeal will be on the agenda of the entire board meeting, Woodfield confirmed. The change in procedure was due to legal advice, received according to Woodfield. Meanwhile Ratcliff has confirmed that his letter of appeal will be addressed to Robert Shaw, chairman of the UNB board of governors in time for the October 15 meeting.

Notice

To better inform students the *Brunswickan* is planning a special election issue for Tuesday morning, October 21st. All candidates for all positions in the upcoming SRC election are requested to contact the *Brunswickan* for interviews and photos

for our special. We would appreciate it if we could arrange a session on or before our deadline of Friday, October 17th.

SDC chairman defends code

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"The old code was too loose," said Wayne Myles, Chairman of the Student Disciplinary Committee. "It didn't give the Committee adequate direction as far as its mandate." "Subsequently it resulted in all parties involved not being fully aware of their rights or affording them full protection, whether the accused or the accuser."

The Student Disciplinary Committee is trying to pass a new code based on the one used at Western University in London, Ont. It has been reshaped to suit the needs of UNB by an ad hoc committee consisting of Dean of Students Barry Thompson, SRC President, Perry Thorbourne, Dean of Law, Edward Veitch, University Secretary James Woodfield, Assistant Campus Police Chief Michelle Busieres and Student Representative Scott Cronshaw.

"Last year's committee was loosely based," said Vice-Chairman Jeff Rooney. "The SDC runs on common sense. There's a lot less time wasted because now we have a clear structure to work

with," said Rooney. "We use preventive medicine, rather than punishment."

Under the new code, every case will be reviewed by the chairman, the university secretary, campus police or Campus Security, whichever is involved. Last year's chairman was responsible for mailing out subpoenas. Under the new code the university takes care of that aspect and forwards the subpoenas to whatever address they currently have you registered under.

"We are not a legal court but a discipline tribunal," said Myles. "Generally speaking the new code, I think, will be more efficient and provide the committee with a clear and discursive means of dealing with any complaints."

"The students should realize that being dealt with under the new code is a better alternative to going downtown and dealing with the Fredericton police. There is a limit; if an offense occurs that appears too serious and is best dealt with by the courts, we'll recommend to the board of deans to seek outside assistance," he said, giving as an example, a rape case. The new code is modifying the old one and tying up loose ends.