

The S.R.C. -Its Bureaucratic Form and Format

The Students Representative Council of the University of New Brunswick acts as the governing body of the students to the extent permitted by University and provincial regulations. Nevertheless, a very high proportion of the student body know very little of the Council's powers, objectives, services, or structure.

The S.R.C. Constitution specifies Council objectives as being:

- a) to act as the representative governing body of the students of the University of N.B.
- b) to co-ordinate, promote, and direct non-athletic student activities, subject to the rules and regulations of the University.
- c) to serve as the recognized medium in non-activities between the student body and the University authorities, the government, and the general public.
- d) to budget and control the monies received by the S.R.C.

This body which formulates and implements policy consists of 23 students, 20 are faculty representatives. The remaining 3 members are the Executive Committee; the President, Vice-President, and Comptroller; and are elected at large.

Majority Rule: Directly and Indirectly

It is inherent by the fact that this governing body is elected, that the students are indirectly conducting their own affairs as they, to some extent, see fit. The S.R.C. is generally a product of and a reflection of the care and concern taken by the students in electing them. All registered students may vote, run for office, or nominate someone else for office. Likewise, they may make application for one of several S.R.C. appointments.

After the polls close the students continue to control the S.R.C. - especially on issues for which there is widespread student concern.

With the approval of the Chairman, any student of U.N.B. may speak at an S.R.C. meeting. A petition signed by 20% of the student body may initiate an action or resolution by the S.R.C.; or may protest an action or resolution made by the S.R.C. In either case, if the petition does not receive majority approval by the S.R.C. the issue is taken to the students by referendum. Further, any member of the S.R.C. may be recalled by the students upon submission of a petition, to that end, signed by at least 20% of the students eligible to vote for that representative.

Powers of the S.R.C.

The S.R.C. has more authority than many of the students immediately realize. "The S.R.C. shall have the power to deal with all matters of student interest." (Article 3-S.R.C. Constitution).

More specifically, all student organizations, except the Student Athletic Association and the S.U.B.

Board of Governors, are ultimately responsible to the S.R.C. In fact, no student club or society may function in the name of UNB without the sanction of the S.R.C. The Constitution Committee of the S.R.C. must have approved their Constitution. All clubs and societies which have not had their constitutions approved; and which do not have up-to-date inventory handed in to the Finance Committee, are not eligible to receive financial support from the S.R.C. and will not be considered when the budget is drawn up. This is one of the ways in which the Comptroller, Finance Chairman and the Administrative Board attempt to direct the student's monies for maximum utilization. The S.R.C. is able to disallow the appointment of any or all of the officers and members of these organizations. The organizations must also submit a report on activities and a report on finances to the Administrative Board upon request. The S.R.C. has the authority to deal with students who "conduct themselves in an unbecoming manner" (see S.R.C. Constitution) on campus or at university functions, through the Student Discipline Committee. The student police on campus are the "U.N.B. Campus Police Force." The S.R.C. resources come mainly from compulsory student fees, subject to the approval of the UNB Senate.

There are four standing committees of the S.R.C.

- a) Executive Committee
- b) Administrative Board
- c) Constitution Committee
- d) Student Discipline Committee

The members of the latter three committees; the A.B., S.D.C., and the Constitution Committee, are appointed by the President - but must be approved by a two-thirds majority of the Council.

The President of the S.R.C.

With two-thirds approval of Council, the President appoints: three S.R.C. Chairmen, the members of the S.R.C. standing committee, the Chairmen of all S.R.C. Special Committees, and hires an Administrator. He calls the meetings of the S.R.C., is a non-voting member of all S.R.C. committees, and shortly after assuming office he presents the S.R.C. with the program of the executive. His time is chiefly occupied with a great number of meetings, correspondence and direction of some of the work of the S.R.C. office staff. His duties are more specifically stated in Article 2, Section 1, of the Constitution.

The Vice-President of the S.R.C.

The Vice-President must assist the President, and in his absence, take over the President's duties and responsibilities. If, temporarily, there is no President, the Vice-President automatically assumes the position of Acting-President.

The Comptroller

He is the director of the Administrative Board. The Comptroller supervises the receiving and the paying out of all S.R.C. funds. He automatically assumes the position of Acting-President if for some reason there is no longer a President or Vice-President in office.

All meetings of the S.R.C., and the Standing and Special Committee meetings, are open to all members of the student body. According to the S.R.C. Constitution at least three days notice must be given for S.R.C. and A.B. meetings on the main bulleting boards. S.R.C. meetings are generally, but not necessarily, held in the Council room on the second floor of the S.U.B. at 7:00 p.m. Sunday evenings. A.B. meetings are frequently held on Saturdays in the S.U.B.

Student Discipline Committee

The S.D.C. consists of seven members, three from second year Law, including the Chairman, and three from any other faculty, but in their next to last year. There is provision for one member from St. Thomas University.

The S.D.C. conducts hearings into allegations that a student has violated a Regulation, imposes a penalty upon the student should the allegation be found to be true, and renders advisory opinions on the validity or interpretation of the Constitution. By-laws, or other legislation or action of the S.R.C., its Committees, or any student organization.

The Business Administrator

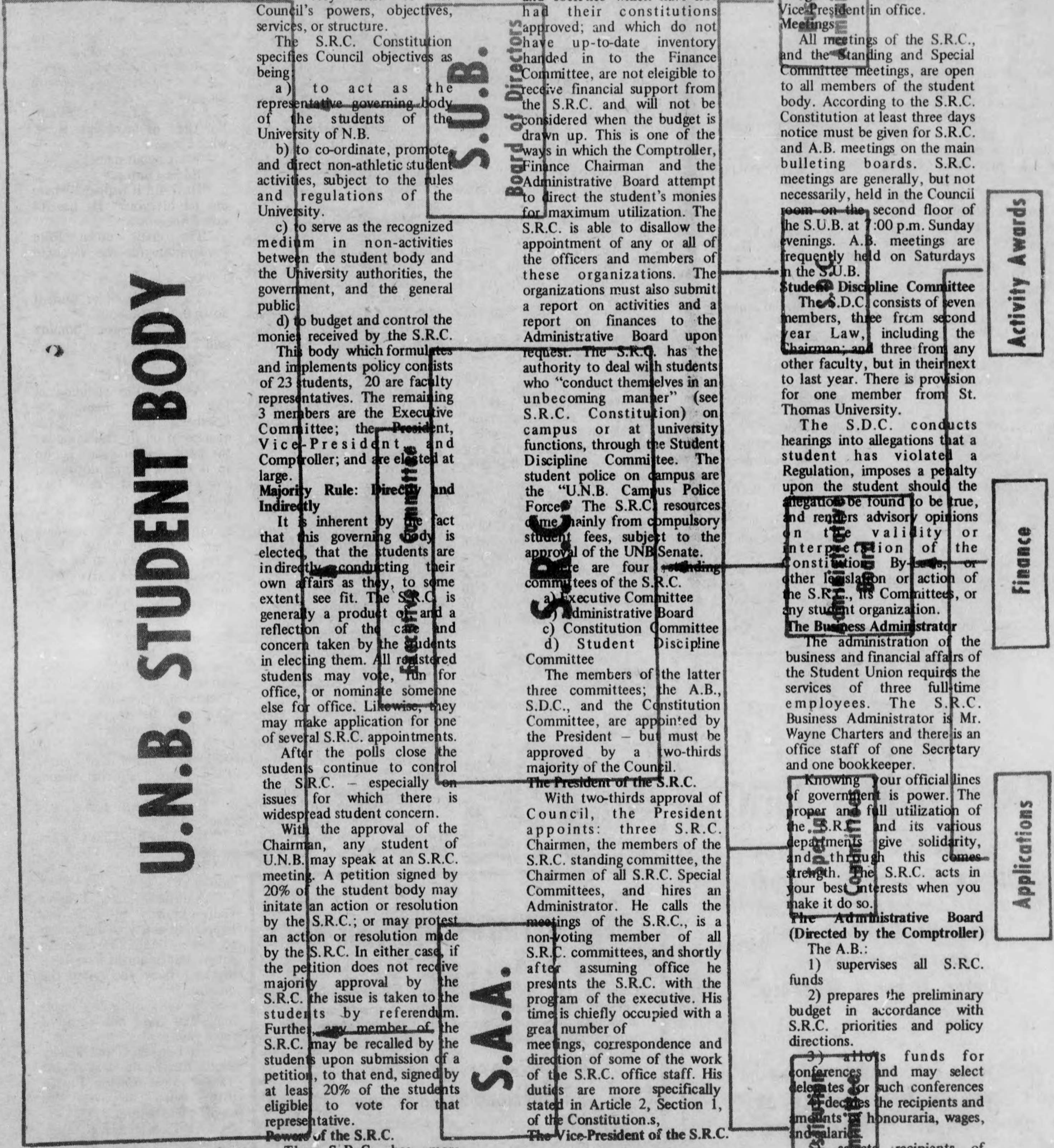
The administration of the business and financial affairs of the Student Union requires the services of three full-time employees. The S.R.C. Business Administrator is Mr. Wayne Charters and there is an office staff of one Secretary and one bookkeeper.

Knowing your official lines of government is power. The proper and full utilization of the S.R.C. and its various departments give solidarity, and through this comes strength. The S.R.C. acts in your best interests when you make it do so.

The Administrative Board (Directed by the Comptroller)

The A.B.:

- 1) supervises all S.R.C. funds
- 2) prepares the preliminary budget in accordance with S.R.C. priorities and policy directions.
- 3) allows funds for conferences and may select delegates for such conferences
- 4) decides the recipients and amounts of honouraria, wages, and salaries
- 5) selects recipients of activity awards
- 6) receives applications for and makes appointment to positions, and grants concessions.
- 7) supervises the formation of its own sub-committees or continuing on special tasks.



U.N.B. STUDENT BODY

S.U.B. Board of Directors

S.A.A.

S.R.C.

S.D.C.

Activity Awards

Finance

Applications