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McCurdy asks: What do you want at UNB?

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Many students at UNB were confronted this week with a bright yellow piece of paper asking various questions about the activities the respondent wished to see sponsored by UNB.

The purpose of the questionnaire was "To find out what the student actually want at UNB" SRC Vice President Internal Jan McCurdy said in an interview. The survey is seeking information on the directions council should be taking with respect to entertainment and to seek response from the students in a "positive" way.

In addition, according to

McCurdy the survey will give information on how many people are actually willing to help out with these projects.

The surveys were given to each faculty representative and to all students in residence through the proctors. About 3,500 of the surveys were printed up, with about 1400 going to the residences.

About 90 percent of residence students are being surveyed and only about 65 percent of off campus students, the questions asked will reflect these percentages on the survey results.

"On campus students are easier to get hold of" according to McCurdy, and they "tend to participate more anyway."

This could be because the type of events are not attracting off-campus students, but according to McCurdy, the "hassle of coming back on campus" keeps many students away.

The results will be carefully considered by the executive, prior to taking them to council. When asked if the survey indicated a high preference for concerts, McCurdy said that council would "maybe" try and provide something. When questioned further, she said "council would see what they could do for the price that the students were willing to pay."

The survey was not more widely publicized because "the people who were supposed to do the

advertising simply didn't do it. She refused to comment on who was supposed to do it.

In any event, there was no point in waiting until after Christmas because "the executive wants to

act immediately in the coming term."

This approach has not been tried in many years and if successful should light a fire under councils collective butt.

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Students want free tuition

VANCOUVER (CUP) -- The British Columbia Federation of Students (BCSF) launched campaigns opposing expected tuition hikes at provincial universities and colleges, fighting summer student employment and promoting the rights of vocational students at its second annual general meeting Nov. 19-21 at Capilano College.

The tuition campaign will kick off with a petition-letter asking education minister, Pat McGeer, to reject fee hikes next year. The letter will be presented Dec. 13 when BCSF executive and council representatives meet with the minister.

McGeer wrote to college councils Oct. 13, "that there is little prospect of increased grants for this year expect for the most essential items."

The letter said councils will have

to review revenue sources "such as tuition fees, hiring practices ... and productivity of existing personnel in order to meet increased salary commitments as well as increased costs in other areas."

"We should aim for the removal of tuition fees, instead of expending our energies in keeping increases low," said Capilano College delegate, Gilbert Tessier.

Delegates agreed to amend the campaign to include the long term goal of abolition of fees and the short term effort opposing increases.

Delegates also endorsed a federal government enquiry into higher education called by NUS at an October semi-annual meeting. The government has agreed to the enquiry pending provincial approval.

Conservatives sweep by-election

Progressive Conservative Douglas Moore was elected in the provincial riding of Victoria-Tobique in Monday's election. He received a plurality of 282 votes over Liberal candidate Roger

Pelke. New Democratic candidate James Aucoin polled 205 votes.

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