

SENATE WALKOUT DISCUSSED AT MEETING

Wednesday, SRC president, Mike Start invited acting president Dineen, Prof. Semeluk, and Registrar Blue to attend an informal meeting at the Student Union Building. The meeting was designed to inform Council members and interested students of the events leading to the Semeluk motion and its subsequent rejection.

The discussion dealt primarily with the reactions of those present to the defeat of the motion. The Senate is prepared at this time to convene a committee composed of Senate and student representatives to propose regulations governing the election of student senators to the Senate and the SRC. In the light of Senate reaction to previous SRC and joint SRC-Senate proposals, SRC members and student Senate observers question the viability of such a committee. The central point of contention — the number of student representatives — is not within the proposed jurisdiction of this committee.

NOT CONSISTENT

Mike Start feels that the Senate is not acting in good faith. "The principle (of student representation) which the Senate has accepted is not consistent with the Senate's actions".

Finlay and Hunter see two alternative courses of action for the SRC. It could work within the framework proposed by the Senate. Such action presumably would necessitate the rescinding of SRC motions dating back to last spring. Essentially this means that the Council, would be forced to reject the recommendations of the earlier student/Senate committee which called for seven student representatives.

The second alternative is to stick to the brief submitted by that original committee and try to change the Senate's viewpoint. Hunter suggested that if parliamentary politicking is ineffectual — and the actions of the Senate indicate this is the case — then extra-parliamentary methods are necessary.

Dineen, Blue, Semeluk and several council members favour working within the proposed framework in anticipation of evolution of student representation in the direction of present SRC policy. Other councillors, notably Hunter, Finlay, and MacNeil question the validity of such action considering the rigidity of attitude indicated by the actions of a majority of the senators.

The SRC meets formally September 21. Presumably a decision will be made at that time.



Prof. Semeluk who introduced the motion at Tuesday's meeting of the Senate. Semeluk was also in attendance at Wednesday night's informal meeting in the S.U.B.

The Senate
is responsible for all academic affairs of the university. This includes
— the conferring of all degrees
— the establishing of courses, faculties and departments
— management of the library
— regulations for entrance
— academic standards
— the standards for faculty

The Board of Governors
is responsible for "achieving the objectives and purposes of the university". This includes
— maintenance of university property
— spending the money of the university
— appointing deans, directors, librarians, professors, lecturers, instructors and employees.
— fixing fees
— expelling students

The Faculty Councils
recommends to the Senate changes in courses, curriculum and faculty, appoints examiners and conducts the examinations.

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organizing elections that late in the term. Consequently the Senate refused to accept the appointees as members of the body, offering them observer status without the right of vote or presentation of motions. Again the SRC agreed, anticipating future Senate action on the original proposals.

The defeat of Dr. Semeluk's motion precludes reconciliation of SRC and Senate policies. SRC policy, determined by the recommendations of the SRC-Senate committee calls for seven student representatives. The Senate has refused to rescind motions which call for four.

VIEWPOINT

Should the beanie be re-instated?



karen brooks
arts I

"No! It takes too long to say why."



David Lynch
stu I

"No!"



bill harborne
arts 3

"No! We want to make the frosh feel part of UNB."



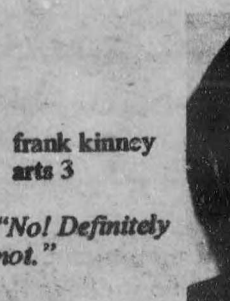
julie burnes
arts I

"There should be something."



dan mcvicker
arts I

"What for?"



frank kinney
arts 3

"No! Definitely not."



rob mccurdy
eng. 2

"You bet your sweet ass they should!"



noreen campbell
arts 2

"Yes! They're groovy."

