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EXPANSION OF UNBSJ KEY THEME OF SPECIAL SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT



UNBSJ, in Saint John's scenic Tucker Park, may be in for quite a change if the recommendations of the Senate sub-committee report are accepted. Among things, the report asks that full four years programs be instituted at the Saint John branch of the province's main university.

By EDISON STEWART

FREDERICTON - A report recommending the expansion of UNBSJ to at least four year programs in both Science and Arts was released this morning at a press conference on the UNB campus.

Report outlines plan 'close to needs of community'

By ANDY WATSON

FREDERICTON - The report on the future of UNBSJ outlines a plan for an institution that is "closely responsive to the needs of the community" said the chairman of the sub-committee that drafted the report.

Dr. Jaeger said that the report envisaged the Saint John campus playing a distinctive role rather than merely duplicating the facilities at the Fredericton campus.

The registrar of UNB Dr. Blue told the BRUNSWICKAN that approximately 460 of the 515 students registered at the Saint John campus either live in the city or commute from surrounding areas. Since it is expected that there will be considerable growth in the population of the Saint John area, it is probable that there will continue to be a large portion of local students at UNBSJ.

The report considers this fact very important. Improved transportation facilities called for in the report will help to make the campus accessible to the community. The merging of extension and night school courses with the regular curriculum is designed to integrate the university with community activities.

The Bachelor of Business Administration program is a logical one for the Saint John area according to Dr. Blue. The program in business will be the same as that offered at the Fredericton campus. The anticipated growth in this program would necessitate an increase in faculty regardless of whether the program is offered at one or both campuses.

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UNB President J.O. Dineen and UNBSJ Principal Forbes Elliot announced in the report that they were attempting to bring UNBSJ closer to the mainstream of higher education in the province as well as provide a good educational institution for the Saint John metropolitan area. The report's 20 recommendations may be found elsewhere on this page.

UNBSJ has in the past received a good deal of coverage in radio, television and newspapers in the area, noted the report, "sometimes the advocacy (for an expanded curriculum) has been expressed in extremely strident tones, holding that the larger campus at Fredericton was preventing a natural development in Saint John for selfish reasons. As a result there have been numbers of Fredericton Faculty who protested that what should have been an academic matter was becoming a political football.

"The opinion of many faculty members in Fredericton is that expansion of activity in Saint John must only be permitted if it brings in its train no weakening of the Fredericton campus; according to this viewpoint UNB in Fredericton is large enough to look after the province's needs for expansion of English language education and a poor province should not overstretch itself by trying to do too much.

"Recently there have been welcome signs on both campuses of increased willingness to seek a future for UNBSJ that takes account of the valid aspects of both viewpoints. The committee whose report this is has been fortunate in doing its work in this atmosphere of goodwill."

Members on the investigative committee, convened by Dean Jaeger (UNB), are Professor F.W. Cogswell (UNB), Dr. T.J. Condon (UNB), Dr. M.A. Edwards (UNB), Dr. G.F. Elliot (UNBSJ), Professor R. Garland (UNBSJ), Dr. A. Logan (UNBSJ), Professor E.D. Maher (UNB), Dr. A.L. McAllister (UNBSJ), Dr. Z. Valenta (UNB).

If the report is accepted, UNBSJ will not only gain an expanded curriculum but increased representation on the governing bodies of the university as well. One recommendation affects both campuses. The report recommends that the number of Professorial seats on the Board of Governors be increased from four to five, with one professor each from UNB and UNBSJ and the other three to be "professors at large."

UNBSJ representation on the Senate has also changed, "though not excessively."

Transportation, honours programs and increased representation at UNB among 20 recommendations from Senators

Recommendation 1. The report recommends that UNBSJ continue on the Tucker Park site and that cheap and sufficient daily transportation, subsidized if necessary, be provided.

Recommendation 2. We recommend that the evening operations of UNBSJ shall be fully integrated into campus life and, in particular, the following aspects of a recent report by a University of Toronto Committee ("University of Toronto Report of the Presidential Advisory Committee on Extension) be adopted for UNBSJ:

- (a) The word "Extension" and the term "Extension Student" should be dropped from the nomenclature in respect of courses given on the UNBSJ campus.
- (b) All part time students proceeding to degrees, diplomas, etc., should be fully integrated (i.e. for academic, administrative and social purposes) into the UNBSJ campus.

(c) The distinction between full time students and part time students should become purely formal, "full time" meaning simply that number of concurrent courses which should not normally be exceeded by a student.

(d) Students should be permitted to proceed to degrees, diplomas, etc., at whatever rate they judge appropriate to their individual circumstances without having to petition for less than a full programme.

(e) All classes and courses should be open to part time and full time students equally.

It is further recommended that the courses offered in the evening shall be of sufficient scope as to encompass at least one degree programme.

Recommendation 3. We recommend a five year transitional period beginning in September 1972 during which third year and fourth year courses will be progressively introduced leading to the availability of the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Business Administration and Bachelor of Science.

Recommendation 4. We recommend that the courses offered shall be grouped into programmes of a general and interdisciplinary nature and that duplication of the honours programmes of Fredericton should be avoided.

It may be noted that in the opinion of the committee, the curriculum in Business Administration as offered on the Fredericton campus already comprises a programme of the general type proposed for Saint John. Thus, no reason is seen for suggesting a radically different curriculum in Saint John. Indeed, one justification for the B.B.A. in Saint John is that enrollment is expected to be high and it is efficient and economical to have unified control of the course offerings on both campuses.

Recommendation 5. We recommend that the corpus of Professors at UNBSJ shall constitute the Saint John Faculty Council and that this Council shall be chaired by the Dean of the Saint John Faculty.

The Dean should be responsible for the academic well-being of UNBSJ and should be a member of the Board of Deans and ex-officio member of the Senate in exactly the same way as every other Dean of a Faculty. The Deanship should be a renewable term appointment.

Recommendation 6. We recommend that the Saint John Faculty shall initially comprise:

- (a) HUMANITIES AND LANGUAGE DIVISION
 - Classics
 - English
 - German
 - History
 - Philosophy
 - Romance Languages

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