

New student union constitution studied by council

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Discussion on bylaws for the proposed new student union constitution took up the greater

part of last Monday's Students' Representative Council meeting. Student union lawyer Peter Forbes who drew up the proposed constitution and bylaws was present to explain the bylaws.

Although nothing was finalized, changes were proposed and Forbes was to come back next meeting with a revised draft.

The powers of the proposed internal and external vice-pres-

ident is created, it should take on some of the responsibilities of the present vice president, which would be roughly equivalent to the position of internal vice-president, in order to decrease the workload.

Council proposed to make the internal vice-president in charge of running student elections and public relations officer for the campus. Kennedy claimed this would be counter-productive as if the internal vice-president were to have all the responsibilities of the present vice-president plus the two added responsibilities, then it would be impossible to pass academically and properly carry out the position at the same time.

Kennedy suggested the position of public relations officer be made into a separate position.

Law Representative Jim MacLean said there was need for an internal and external vice-president as the UNB student union's connections and involvement with national and regional organizations are becoming more complex and require a separate position.

He further suggested that there should be a public relations officer for external as well as internal matters in order to inform the student body of the actions of regional and national organizations.

Other councillors suggested that the entertainment office should handle public relations for such things as pubs, speakers, etcetera.

Forbes was instructed to come back to council next week with proposed job descriptions for the two vice-presidents.

Council rejected the idea of converting the present Representative-at-Large positions into on- and off-campus student seats. In a straw vote, only four councillors were in favour of the proposal. Difficulties with respect to dividing the seats between on- and off-campus students were cited, as well as voting procedures.

Arts Representative Chris Pratt suggested that council was getting too big and that the formula of one representative per 300 students in a

faculty or school be revised, possibly to one per 400. He pointed out that the present formula was arrived at when it was decided council was too big. Pratt said council was fast approaching this number again. Vice-president Gordon Kennedy agreed with Pratt.

The general topic of student elections was left until next week, although Kennedy said there were too many elections this year and possibly there should only be one general election each year rather than two as is the present case. Several councillors argued against this, saying the continuity created from one council to the next by staggering the elections was beneficial.

Council agreed that councillors missing three meetings without good cause should be expelled and not allowed to run in the subsequent election.

Council was divided four ways over the procedure for hiring student union employees, particularly the business administrator. Some suggested the president make the appointment with two-thirds approval of council. However, Comptroller Wenceslaus Batanyita said the appointment should involve the president and comptroller, who should make the appointment with two-thirds approval. Another proposal was for the appointment to be made by the president in consultation with the rest of the executive and with two-thirds approval of council. Finally, some suggested the whole executive should make the appointment with two-thirds approval of council. On a first straw vote, two were in favour of the president making the appointment, seven the president and comptroller, six the president and executive, and two the executive alone. On a subsequent vote, eight councillors were in favour of the president and comptroller making the appoint-

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New Democratic Party again" with its ec

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Attitudes towards liberty, and democratic major philosophical between the New Party and other Canadian NDP leader

Broadbent spoke of New Brunswick Tuesday morning, the student union at Science Students' Association

Broadbent said philosophical differences Liberals and Progressives in Canada him, they both defend liberalism.

Broadbent said liberty, "For Liberals, a man or woman we have very few That is, they each human beings individually pursue Broadbent said.

Broadbent said it was an important democratic socialism freedom was lacking European communism Liberalism was force in the nineteenth century from the nineteenth liberals progressed the positive state. The state must foster to develop, besides ing the opportunity ment

Democratic social parties other differ on the idea well as liberty, said Liberals and mean equality opportunity to "give someone else." Broadbent said Liberal or Conservative view for one person ahead of another. this was a "barbaric

An egalitarian provide equality of develop one's capital Broadbent said and Conservative liberal notion of democracy is, that all members free to vote, organize and change leadership communists do not democracy.

However, Broadbent is essential but beyond that." Eco