

UNB Senate Scene Of Intense Debate

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A lengthy debate on UNB involvement with AMOFICO resulted in much confusion and a final defeat of the motion through division of the senate at the UNB Senate meeting May 2. Dr. Varty, a senior research associate with the faculty of Forestry, was proposed as chairman for AMOFICO, which had requested that UNB appoint a chairman to it. It was felt that as UNB would not and in fact could not control it then it would be precarious to become involved with it. Bad reports or such from AMOFICO could be considered to reflect on UNB as the Chairman and a few other members would be from the university.

Dr. Unger stated, 'The acting vice-president academic seems to be at odds with Natural Resources Minister Byrd in that Mr. Byrd believed AMOFICO was part of UNB.'

It was also stated that the vice-president was not responsible for what Byrd said in the House. Dr. Varty had been chairman since '76 (when not with the University) and with his appointment as Sr. Research Associate he understands that he will continue as such. The information will be released through UNB and its role will simply be to inform the public on the spraying (referring to

budworm spraying). It's just an exchange of information between several universities, the Department of the Environment and the head of Forest Protection according to one spokesman.

The committee will only monitor environmental effects of spraying (wild-life, plants, insects) and would not comment on the health effect on people.

When asked if UNB would be supplying any money, office space, or secretarial help university president Dr. Anderson stated, 'Yes money is involved but not to worry!' It was made clear that involvement would attain certain expenses to the university but that would be minimal. Forest Protection Services would pay Dr. Varty's salary as chairman as well as any expenses for phone, xeroxing, etc...

While AMOFICO would never be a part of the university they had ascertained that the chairman (and advisory committee) must come from the university. The position as chairman would occupy 50-70 per cent of his time and this brought the response from professor Harold Sharp (Business), 'No research. No teaching. Just a chairman for an outside committee! I don't see what benefits we're getting from it!' It was earlier mentioned that the chairman would probably not have time to teach or do research.

In defence of the position it was stated that at the moment all of

Dr. Varty's time was taken up by AMOFICO, but only because he was preparing the up-coming Quarterly report for which he's responsible.

More discussion followed and Dr. Anderson commented that, 'UNB is going around a mulberry bush afraid to get its feet wet over something that would be to its benefit. It's scared to get on a committee it can't control and who's status is unsure.'

The motion was finally defeated on division and it was suggested that the vice-president academic write to Mr. Byrd and get a clarification of AMOFICO.

OTHER MOTIONS:

- Dr. Woodfield re-appointed as university secretary
- Associate-Registrar UNBSJ, Dr. Becket, was re-designated UNBSJ-Campus Registrar (Mentioned that the new term for the position

involves no salary increase.)
- sections 1,3,4 and 5 of the ACPC Report were passed

- an adhoc committee under the Dean of Students was established

to deliver a brief to the MPHEC on financial aid to students. Committee to consist of SRC presidents both campuses and 3 members elected by committee.

Yearbook Well On It's Way

The UNB yearbook "UP the Hill" is on schedule and going smoothly, according to editor Pam Nobert. Nobert said that the color and literary section are already done and the members are currently working on the graduate and organizations and clubs sections.

She said the latter section has proved to be the most problematic section in that clubs and organizations seem to keep "putting off" submitting copy and photos. Nobert feels that this has in fact been the biggest problem this year.

The year as a whole has been good according to Nobert who said that staff has had fun despite the minor problems which beset any yearbook. Problems include

film not turning out, copy being late and other similar occurrences.

Sales are lower than last year according to Nobert but she emphasizes that there is still time to order yearbooks. A tentative deadline on orders is scheduled for the end of May. Order forms

can be picked up at the Student Representative Council office, Room 126, Student Union Building. Nobert said that students can specify whether they wish the yearbook to be mailed or picked up. The yearbook is expected to be ready by early October.



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